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STRUGGLE FOR CONTINENT

Climax Of Battle With Communism Nearing

CHEN CHENG IN SHANGHAI

Shanghai, Feb. 27.
General Chen Cheng, Chief of Staff of the Chinese army and former commander-in-chief in Manchuria, has arrived here from Nanking for medical treatment for a stomach ailment.
His health is said to have improved greatly since he left Mukden. He intends to visit Formosa shortly.—*Reuter.*

WAR OF NERVES IN KOREA

Seoul, Feb. 28.
The latest outbreak of Korean rioting today simmered down to a "few minor casualties" as the United States military authorities revised the casualty figures to 31 dead and 37 wounded in disturbances since Wednesday.

The centre of the South Korean disturbances was in Cholla Pukto Province where 21 were killed and 21 hurt. The dead included five police officers.

It appeared today that the outbreak of lawlessness was being replaced by a war of nerves based on rumours of impending trouble.

Typical of these "nervous" rumours was the report that a plane would fly over Taegu, capital of Chung Chong Pukto Province, signalling the beginning of a series of planned riots.

Another report from the east coast border city of Kaengwon said that members of the Communist front South Korean Labour Party are scheduled to burn Right Wing warehouse in that area tonight.

The Army placed little credence on the reports.—*United Press.*

General Accused Of "Despotism"

Tokyo, Feb. 28.
The publisher of a small Tokyo newspaper today circulated copies of a petition addressed to the Allied Council for Japan in which he accused a high officer of General MacArthur's headquarters with "despotism reminiscent of the old Japanese military clique."

He accused Brigadier-General Courtney Whitney, chief of an important Government section, of improper action in connection with what he called "undemocratic, illegal and fraudulent" action by the Japanese Government Purge Committee.

General Whitney said he had not seen the petition. He made no comment.

Yoshiaki Hashiguchi identified himself as a member of the Japan Social Democratic Party, and publisher of the Nansho Shimpu which has 5,000 subscribers.

The petition, entitled "Petition for Safeguarding Japanese Laws," specifically points to General Whitney's role in the "Hirano case."

This case involved a Cabinet member, Rikise Hirano, who

Soviet Ambition To Boss Europe

New York, Feb. 28.
It seems clear that what looks like the climax of the battle for Europe between totalitarian Communism and Democracy is rapidly approaching.
The next few months are likely to tell the story of whether Russia is to be held along the line which she now occupies or whether she is to fulfil her ambition to overrun Western Europe, thereby making herself boss of the entire continent.

The Western Powers wonder what they can expect Russia's next move to be now that a ruthless Bolshevism has established a government in Czechoslovakia. Probably not even Moscow could answer the question at this juncture. The Reds are opportunist and direct actionists who lash out when the striking looks good.

Death For Smugglers

Nanking, Feb. 28.
The Legislative Yuan today approved a bill providing the death penalty for smugglers who cause injury or death to Government inspectors who attempt to halt their trade.

Amending and approving the recommendations of Premier Chiang Chun, the Yuan ordered these penalties:

(1) Maximum of five years' imprisonment for smuggling Government-controlled or dutiable goods.
(2) Smugglers who offer armed resistance or intimidation to inspection officers may receive the maximum sentence of seven years, or in cases where deaths or serious injuries to officers result, may be sentenced to execution.

(3) Customs officers or Government personnel connected with airlines, railways and highways are subject to two years' imprisonment for assisting smugglers or minimum sentences of ten years if bribes are accepted.

(4) Government personnel failing to report discovery of smuggling will be imprisoned a maximum of three years.
The new bill was asked by Chinese customs officials in an effort to strengthen the anti-smuggling campaign, particularly in South China.—*Associated Press.*

Russia has consolidated her Eastern European empire by taking over Czechoslovakia. Heretofore Czechoslovakia represented a weak spot in the Bolshevik "battle line," because while the little Republic is Slavic and so has a bond of blood with Eastern Europe, yet she always has thought in terms of Western democracy.

And there is more than the political angle involved. Czechoslovakia lies strategically in the very heart of Central Europe and is rich both in natural resources and industry. For generations the great military strategists have regarded this particular area as one of the strongest points on the continent.

Russia would seem to have ironed out that situation. To be sure there is still plenty of anti-Communist sentiment in the community as was shown when students demonstrated in protest against the Communist coup and old Prague policemen were in tears as they tried to carry out orders to control the youths. However, such demonstrations are exhibitions of sentiment rather than armed strength. Moscow has the country by the neck as things now stand.

Little Finland appears to be next in line.

Next Objectives
Communism appears to be well set for further aggression. Both Italy and France certainly are prime objectives. Furthermore we may be sure that the Reds have every intention of ruling Austria in the long run, although that cannot be achieved while other Allied troops are in occupation. Far more important, however, the Communist strategy apparently contemplates trying to gain control of Italy and France before the Marshall Plan becomes effective, thereby rendering it unworkable. This would tend to make the rest of Western Europe vulnerable to Red aggression.

As far as concerns Italy, the Communist programme aims at trying to capture control of government in the elections which are to be held in April. The Reds also have been trying to create a situation in France that would precipitate a general election which they would try to win.

Gloomy Prospect
In both cases, strikes and strong arm tactics would be employed to bring pressure on the voters. Observers generally recognize that there would be danger of a Communist revolution at least in Italy if the Reds should fall in the elections.
That is the gloomy prospect which the world faces. And still there are voices crying: "Appease the Russians."—*Associated Press.*

TRAGEDY AT THE RACES

A Chinese jockey, Tang Man-wa, badly injured at yesterday's Race Meeting, died today morning.
This was one of two accidents at the Valley yesterday.
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H.K.-CANTON AGREEMENT

Canton, Feb. 28.
An agreement between the Government Telecommunications Office in Canton and Cable and Wireless in Hong Kong affecting the operation of the telephone service between the two ports was signed yesterday.
According to the agreement, the Canton Telecommunications Office will get two-thirds of the proceeds on the line while Cable and Wireless will get one-third.—*Central News.*

Renner Murder Arrests

Shanghai, Feb. 28.
Two persons alleged to be involved in the robbery and killing of Mr. Karl Renner, Bavarian brewery-master of Ewo Brewery, were arrested by the police last night, and CNS20,000,000 in cash and a camera stolen from the victim were recovered.
The 60-year-old German was killed on Tuesday night in an attempt to resist five half-masked gunmen who invaded his living quarters at the Brewery compound.
The police are still seeking three other accomplices.—*Reuter.*

Chinese SHIP'S S.O.S

Lisbon, Feb. 27.
A radio message was picked up here tonight from the British steamer "Kerma" asking for immediate help following an explosion in her No. 1 hold.
The "Kerma" was near Cadix when the SOS was sent out, the Portuguese maritime authorities stated.—*Reuter.*

Wreck Delays H.K. Ship

Shanghai, Feb. 28.
The departure of the 10,000-ton freighter "American Merchant" is being held up by the charred hull of a small Chinese river boat which sank in mid-stream in the Whangpoo River early this morning.
Shipping circles said that arrangements are being rushed to haul the wreck out of the path of the freighter, which was scheduled to leave Shanghai for Hong Kong and Manila at noon today.
Investigations started this morning into the origin of the fire which gutted the river boat as it was carrying a cargo of railway sleepers for use on the Tientsin-Pukow railway in north China.—*Reuter.*

Hong Kong Defence: Argument Goes On

Ottawa, Feb. 28.
Canada has run into considerations of British prestige in the Orient in its desire to publish documents concerning the despatch of two Canadian battalions to Hong Kong in 1941.

It was indicated here today that the British Government would reject the second request for full publication of the million-word report of the Duff Commission.

The British Government has already agreed to permit certain portions to be made public providing they are paraphrased in order to protect the cipher system.

It was indicated, however, that Britain's relations in the Far East might be embarrassed by certain details of some official despatches between the two Governments at the time.
The key figure in the matter is Premier George Drew, of Ontario, who was counsel of

SHE SPIED IN HONG KONG

Mata Hari Of Orient To Die

Peiping, Feb. 28.
High Court officials this morning received orders from the Ministry of Judicial Administration to execute today one of the Orient's most fabulous wartime spies—"Radiant Jade," whom the Chinese press labelled "Human Devil" and "Mata Hari of the Orient."

"Radiant Jade," daughter of a Manchurian Imperial Court official, was brought in in Japan by the leader of the sinister Black Dragon Society. She was caught and tried in Peiping last summer on charges of espionage activities for the Japanese and with collaboration in plans to overthrow the Chinese Government.

During the Sino-Japanese war she masqueraded as a grande dame in Hong Kong to spy on British and Chinese operations and disguised herself as a Chinese private in later Japanese espionage activities in Shanghai. She once assumed the role of a prostitute in Korea and during the war strutted about Peiping in the uniform of a Japanese general.
This afternoon her colourful career will be brought to an end when she will be marched to a lonely field outside Peiping to face a firing squad.—*United Press.*

Freighter Aground Off Chilang Point

Churning her way slowly through heavy fog, the Chinese freighter, s.s. "Kien Sing," carrying more than 4,000 tons of iron ore to Japan from Hainan Island, went aground at Chilang Point early yesterday morning. The vessel is not in danger.

Last night, the Swedish ship, "Nagara," on route from Shanghai to Hong Kong, had reached the scene and was standing by to render assistance if necessary.

The "Kien Sing" was reported aground on the reef of an islet off Chilang Point which, incidentally, is the same vicinity where the 7,000-ton ill-fated s.s. "Hong Kheng," with more than 2,000 passengers on board, went aground on July 19 last year.

Unlike the "Hong Kheng," which took water and later was gutted by fire, the "Kien Sing" was believed to have struck a sandy reef without any unfavourable consequences. Her holds were last night still dry and all the crew safe. There are no passengers on board.

The master of the vessel wireless yesterday afternoon that there was "no immediate danger to the ship." But, he added that a salvage tug was required to pull the vessel off the reef.

ASTRONOMICAL INDEX

Shanghai Cost Of Living Figures

Shanghai, Feb. 28.
Shanghai employers were dealt a reeling blow today when, as a result mainly of the past fortnight's runaway price increases for vital commodities, the City Council fixed the monthly cost of living index at 151,000 for February which means an increase of 58.61 per cent in all wage bills as compared with January.

This is the largest rise in the index for two years and the second largest since the introduction of the index in November, 1945, to calculate wages.

January's index was 59,000 while the first index figure released by the local authorities in November, 1945, was only 1,021.
The index is compiled monthly by the City Government's statistic and research departments, using 1936 prices as the basis, and today's index means that the cost of living at present is 151,000 times higher than 12 years ago.
For the first time in a fortnight, the price of rice and other vital commodities receded slightly as the Economic Police continued their raids on the black-market in daily necessities as well as gold and foreign currencies.

Phones Cut
It is learned reliably that the police have hitherto cut over 100 inter-office telephone lines in an effort to check speculation and profiteering. The police, in submitting measures to Mayor K.C. Wu, to

EXCHANGES PROTEST

Shanghai, Feb. 28.
Shanghai City councillors voiced their opposition to the frequent adjustments in the open market exchange rates by the Foreign Exchange Equalization Board during sub-committee meetings yesterday, and requested the Central Government to refrain as far as possible from adjusting exchange rates in line with blackmarket quotations.
They charged that these adjustments stimulated local markets and said that if the maintenance of the low exchange rate affected Chinese overseas remittances then the Central authorities should subsidize the overseas Chinese in some form or another.—*Reuter.*

Siamese Tiff With Nanking

Bangkok, Feb. 28.
Siam is considering a formal protest over criticism of the Bangkok Government by the Chinese Ambassador.

The criticism was made at a Nanking news conference by Ambassador Li Tsi-hsing, a Siamese Foreign Ministry official said. Li was called from Bangkok by the Chinese Government last week to report. After his return he sharply criticized the Siamese Government's attitude toward overseas Chinese.

The official Foreign Ministry spokesman said Li's remarks were "indiscreet."
The spokesman said "such minor matters as the question of whether the Chinese flag should be flown hardly should have served as basis for such critical comment."

The spokesman said Siam plans to name a new Ambassador to China as soon as Nanking recognises the Bangkok Government. Sanguan Tularak, former Ambassador who was dismissed after the November coup, reportedly still is in Nanking although he was repudiated by the Siamese Government.—*Associated Press.*

Brussels, Feb. 27.
The strike of Belgium's 47,000 frontier workers who daily cross in and out of France to work today. Work was reported back to normal in all sections of French industry in which they are employed.—*Reuter.*

Japan's Fangs To Be Drawn

Nanking, Feb. 28.
Rigid restrictions on the manufacture of arms and the abolition of military, naval and air installations and institutions, were the main points of the programme adopted by the Far Eastern Commission on Feb. 23.

The provisions were made known in a written report submitted by the Foreign Office to the People's Political Council in Nanking this morning.
Except for small arms for the police, authorized by SCAP, Japan will be kept thoroughly disarmed to prevent a possible resurgence of aggression.

The manufacture of aircraft of any description and naval craft or the conversion of vessels for military purposes will be strictly prohibited. Military installations, except where required for the Allied occupation forces and Japanese police or regarded as reparations, will be dismantled.

Captured Allied warships or merchant vessels must be kept in tact and returned to the countries concerned; the appointed time and place to be named by SCAP. Disarmed Japanese warships may be used for transporting reparations, afterwards to be allocated as reparations to various countries.
All military training will be prohibited and Japanese military and auxiliary reserve groups must be disbanded.

SHIP SINKING

London, Feb. 27.
Lloyds announced in London tonight that a signal had been received from the master of the 7,100-ton Italian Steamer "Nereide," reporting that the steamer was in a sinking condition after striking a mine 500 kilometres off the Portuguese coast, and adding that the vessel is now trying to make for the nearest port.
The "Nereide" was bound for Venice from Panoscolo, Florida, Brazil.

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QUIT ORDER TO CHINESE MARRIED POLICE OFFICERS

To Leave Arbuthnot Road Quarters

Making Way For Prison Warders

Today will be the last day for 15 families of Chinese police inspectors and constables to quit their married quarters in Arbuthnot Road, near the Central Magistracy, the "Sunday Herald" learned reliably yesterday.

The "Quit By Feb. 29" order was issued by the Police Department, which owned the building 10 years ago and lent it to be used as a married quarters for the Chinese staff after the war, wants to provide accommodation for its own staff.

The reason for the "eviction" is that the Prison Department, which owned the building 10 years ago and lent it to be used as a married quarters for the Chinese staff after the war, wants to provide accommodation for its own staff.

Discussion has culminated almost in "stubborn resistance." Those interviewed said they were going to "stay put" until alternative accommodation is found for them.

Resistance

Discrimination?

"There will be no house allowances now," one DSI said, and the "Quit Order" leaves us to fend for ourselves in seeking accommodation elsewhere. At present, available quarters are newly-built but they cost between \$6,000 to \$8,000 "too money," with rentals between \$200 and \$350.

Another cause of resentment was alleged discrimination in connection with quarters for the foreign staff.

"One British Sub-Inspector was recently asked to quit his flat for a member of the Prison Department," one said. He was given a flat at Breezy Point, where the foreign staff congregated.

Advertising

"Even under the new scheme, the foreigners are given accommodation, but they will have to pay rents which it was understood, will not exceed one-seventh of their pay."

Meanwhile, some inspectors have inserted advertisements in the local newspapers, foreign and Chinese, for vacant flats. The "Sunday Herald" learned yesterday that so far there have been no results.

An official of Central Police Station, when approached, said that some of the inspectors had been given quarters elsewhere, and that he understood the Prison Department "will allow some to stay on after the deadline." He did not elaborate.

THE BEST WAY OUT?

Prague, Feb. 28. The former Czech Minister of Justice, Dr. Prokop Drtina, has been found suffering from heavy wounds in the head, lying under the window of his flat in a suburb of Prague, the police announced today.

Dr. Prokop Drtina was President Beneš' political secretary in exile in London. Dr. Drtina was taken to hospital. The police statement said that investigation on the spot and a declaration by the injured man in hospital, indicated an attempt at suicide, and added: "A letter left behind proved these investigations."—Reuter.

Personalia

His Excellency the Governor has received information that Mr. Victor George MacDonald has been appointed U. K. Assistant Trade Commissioner in Hong Kong.

The wedding of Pte. Harold Albert Kenzie, Whitefield Barracks, and Miss Lee Leng-fun, 101 Cheungshawan Road, ground floor, took place at the Supreme Court Registry yesterday in the presence of Mr. J. Elliott and Miss Li Jun.

Passengers who departed from Hong Kong for Bangkok by Pan American Clipper "Malay" were: Joseph Blacket, Winston B. Braxton, Mrs. Marjorie Braxton, Mrs. Nancy B. Kreulen, William C. Power, Raphael Ting.

Peninsula Hotel arrivals Friday included Charles D. Jones, C. F. Moss, G. E. Shingledick, D. T. Sargent, J. A. Bond, Captain C. Wynn, Mrs. R. Meyer, Mrs. M. G. Prin, Mrs. I. L. Shiffet, Miss C. V. Shiffet, Thomas Parker and Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Sum.

Peninsula Hotel departures Friday included Dr. E. Berglas, Miss Ada Lum, E. M. Harvey, T. A. Lewis, F. Ferrara, and D. B. Blacklock.

Mrs. E. W. Rowell and Miss J. A. Rowell, wife and daughter of the Director of Education, left yesterday for England by BOAC "Speedbird" flying-boat. Also flying to the United Kingdom on this aircraft were Messrs Thomas Parker, F. V. Walker, C. H. C. Hughes, Brigadier C. Campbell and Major S. Miskinlin. Mr. H. J. Widdows is going as far as Cairo and R.A.V. Krishna and A.M. Starratt to Calcutta.

Departures for Singapore by BOAC flying-boat were: Messrs D. Blacklock, M. McMaster, Loh Fock, F. Y. Ho, C. H. Ku, Lac K. Gringer, Major Truzo, Cpt. Smith, Mrs. Kho Yoke-yin, Madame Khoo Yoke-yip, Rev. Mother A. Movelio Mother Ida Tamburini, Mrs. Zee Wu Yun-zu, Mme Tam Keat-long.

Among the 27 passengers who arrived in the Colony from Indo-China by Air France aircraft yesterday were the Rev. P. Le Bouette, Messrs. P. J. Beehu, A. Perin, Burins es Roziens, M. Orsini, Arthur Doyle, and Mme. Landreville.

Messrs. Earl Allyn Kensler, M. Wiersum, M. de Visser, M. Ren, and Mme. Doerest were among the passengers who arrived here on Friday by Air France from Saigon.

WAR MEMORIAL FUND

Public Subscriptions received for the War Memorial Fund include the students, Wah Yan College, \$107.85; Mrs. John McNeill \$100.00; Total: \$207.85. Received to February 20th, 1948: \$9,749,081.83. Grand Total: \$9,749,289.68.

The Hong Kong Teachers Association (Kindergarten Section) will hold a meeting at the Diocesan Girls' School Kowloon on Tuesday at 5.15 p.m.

The Royal Air Force Association will hold its next meeting on Wednesday at the Cock and Bull Restaurant, Duddell Street, at 12.45 p.m.

Humphrey's Estate Meeting

A profit of HK\$608,966.66 was reported at the annual general meeting of Humphrey's Estate & Finance Co., Ltd., held on Friday at the Jacobson Room, Hong Kong Hotel.

Although the amount was HK\$126,873.27 less than the profit shown for the preceding 16 months, it was considered satisfactory, declared Mr. D. Clark, Chairman.

During the meeting, tribute was paid to Mr. J. M. Alves, now in retirement, who had served the Board continuously for 25 years.

Addressing the meeting, the Chairman said: "I should like to refer to the retirement from the Board of Directors of Mr. J. M. Alves. Mr. Alves served on the Board continuously for over twenty-five years and rendered the Company invaluable service. I am sure you will join me in wishing Mr. Alves many happy years of retirement."

Mr. Clark was supported by Mr. N.O.C. Marsh, Mr. M.H. Turner, Mr. C. Blaker (Directors) and Mr. J. L. Quie (Secretary).

Proposed by the Chairman, and seconded by Mr. P.A. Waller, Messrs. N.O.C. Marsh, M.H. Turner and C. Blaker were re-elected Directors for the ensuing year.

Messrs. Percy Smith & Co., and Messrs. Peat, Marwick, Mitchell & Co., were reappointed auditors at a remuneration of \$2,000 each per annum. The proposer was Mr. L. Kadoorie, and seconder Mr. R. Johannesen.

Shareholders present were Messrs. L. Kadoorie, N.V.A. Croucher, W. Patterson, P.A. Waller, J. Wallace Hansen, R.H. Wild, R. Johannesen and F.A. Ozorio.

Local Estates

Local estate, sworn under \$58,000, was left by the late Henry Stephen Jones of the Hong Kong Electric Co., Ltd., and a Second Lieutenant in the Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps, who died on War Service on Dec. 25, 1941. An application for sealing certified copy grant of Probate in respect of the Estate of the deceased has been granted to Mr. D. B. Evans, Solicitor.

The late Hugh William Macpherson, Lieutenant Commander, H.K.R.N.V.R., who died at "Postbridge" Repulse Bay Road, Hong Kong, on Dec. 19, 1941, left local Estate sworn under \$8,900. An application for re-sealing certified copy of Probate of the (re-constructed) Will of the deceased, limited until the original or a more authentic copy thereof be brought forth, has been granted to Mr. E.S.C. Brooks, Solicitor.

Fong Nam, of 22 York Street, Wrexham in the County of Denbigh, who died on Oct. 5, 1942, left local estate sworn under \$6,300. An application for sealing certified copy grant of Letters of Administration of the Estate of the deceased has been granted to Mr. J.A.D. Morrison, Chief Accountant, Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation.

Money Market

Gold again took the down grade yesterday and fell to \$349 a tad, after opening at \$350.50. It recovered slightly to \$351.50 at the close.

Plasties opened at \$11.70 and closed at \$11.85 a 100. Chinese National Currency, after opening at 18 cents for futures and 19 cents for spot (for CN\$10,000), dropped to 17 1/2 cents and 18 cents respectively at the close.

Ticals and NEI Guilders were quoted at \$25.70 and \$31.10 a 100 respectively.

U.S. dollars like gold, continued on the down grade and closed yesterday at \$34.45. Sterling was unchanged at \$1.00. Australian pound, at \$2.00, and Indian rupee, at \$0.15, were also more for big rates.

Court's Remarks To Hawkers

In an address to hawkers appearing at Central Magistracy yesterday, Mr. F. X. d'Almada said: "We have daily before the Court here people hawking without licences.... It's not fair for those who have to pay for their licences while people like you are hawking without licence."

"On the list before me I notice goods worth from \$250 and \$10.... Magistrates trying these cases in future will levy heavy penalties.... and when they do so you say the Magistrates are hard...."

"I want you all to understand primarily that it is not the aim of the authority to prevent you from earning an honest living. I want you all to take note and convey what I have said to your friends and relatives who are hawking."

Fines between \$50 and \$10 were imposed on the 96 hawkers appearing before Mr. W.N. Thomas, Tam yesterday. Of the 96, 20 were juveniles.

The hawks against these offenders ranged from hawking without licence, obstruction and hawking in wrong pitches. The almost stereotyped pleas of wrongful arrested.

Firewood Fokis In Court

Four firewood shop fokis who allegedly tried to pull a fast one over Tam Wing-kam, married woman, on Feb. 27 by short-delivering 140 catties of firewood on an order for 400 catties, and themselves before Mr. A. Blair-Kerr at Kowloon yesterday charged attempted larceny by trick, aiding and abetting and conspiring to steal.

Chan Tin, 35-year-old master of the Chan Tin Kee Firewood shop, 403 Portland Street (ground floor) where Chan Fat (24), Chan Wing (28), Chan Ying (28) and Fung Kam (21) were employed, was charged with accessory before the fact and conspiracy.

On his pleading not guilty to the first count, Det. Sub-Inspector D. S. Roberts applied for permission to withdraw that charge.

Chan Fat pleaded guilty to the charge of attempted larceny by trick, and the other three accused admitted the charge of aiding and abetting. All five accused pleaded "not guilty" to the charge of conspiracy.

Mr. Blair-Kerr fixed the afternoon of Thursday (March 4) for hearing the case.

Policeman Charged

PC 99 Chan Pui-lam appeared at Central Magistracy before Mr. F. X. d'Almada yesterday, charged with conspiring with Police Inspector Peter Oliver, Guild and a Chinese female, Tam So, to demand money with menaces.

Chan, charged with conspiring with Guild and Tam to demand \$500 with menaces from Pun Tai-so on Jan. 26 and \$500 from Lo Wun-yung on Feb. 15, was remanded a week in goal today.

Guild, who was charged last Friday on two counts of demanding money with menaces with Tam on the same dates and from the same individuals, is detained in the Prisoners' Ward, Queen Mary Hospital, at the request of Mr. F. F. W. Shaftain, SSP.

Tam was remanded for three days in police custody, on Friday.

New Licence Ruling

The General Import Licence which has hitherto been in operation has been amended by Government Notification No. 47 in the Gazette of 27th February, 1948.

In future Special Import Licences will be required from all European countries, some of which were previously excluded for example, Italy and Greece.

Certain items such as Coconut Oil, Peanut Oil, Canbaid Oil, and Hemp, imported from the Sterling Area, Borneo, French Indo-China, and the Netherlands East Indies will no longer require Special Import Licences.

On the other hand, a Special Import Licence will be required for the import of diamonds from all countries.

DOG SHOW NEXT MONTH

LARGE SHIPMENT OF ANIMALS ON WAY TO COLONY

Under the auspices of the Hong Kong Kennel Club, inaugurated in September last, a Dog Show will be held at the Race Course, Happy Valley, on March 21—five days after the arrival in the Colony of 136 pedigree dogs from Australia.

The shipment, probably the world's largest excepting possibly sled-dogs for Arctic expeditions, is on its way here by the M.V. "Kafiristan" from Sydney.

Most of the dogs (of registered pedigree) have been consigned to Mr. H. M. Howell, Secretary of the Hong Kong Kennel Club, against orders received through his office. There are, however, some which can be spoken for, prior to arrival, or seen later on board the ship.

Provided their owners enter them, these dogs will be seen together at the Dog Show with some 100 others imported from Australia, United Kingdom and America during the past two years.

Constable's Vigilance

The vigilance of PC 70 resulted in 17-year-old Cheung Wing, an unemployed appearing before Mr. F. X. d'Almada at Central Magistracy yesterday, charged with shopbreaking.

Inspector Moran said that on Feb. 27 PC 70 saw defendant at 5.45 a.m. outside 202 Des Voeux Road, Central. Near him was a basket covered with waste cabbage leaves.

This was found to contain apples, oranges and bottles which defendant admitted to have stolen with another (not in custody) from 155 Connaught Road, Central (a fruit stall).

Mr. d'Almada sentenced Cheung to nine months' hard labour and recommended him for banishment. The exhibits, valued at \$20, were ordered to be returned to the fruit stall.

ARMED ROBBERY

Five men, armed with three revolvers and a hand grenade, gained admittance to 10 Hong Lok Street, first floor, at 10 a.m. yesterday, and, after binding and gagging 24-year-old Leung Kam, married woman, ransacked the place.

They decamped with 99 silver \$1 coins, \$84 in cash, and jewellery to the total value of \$313.


Mr. Blair-Kerr fixed the afternoon of Thursday (March 4) for hearing the case.



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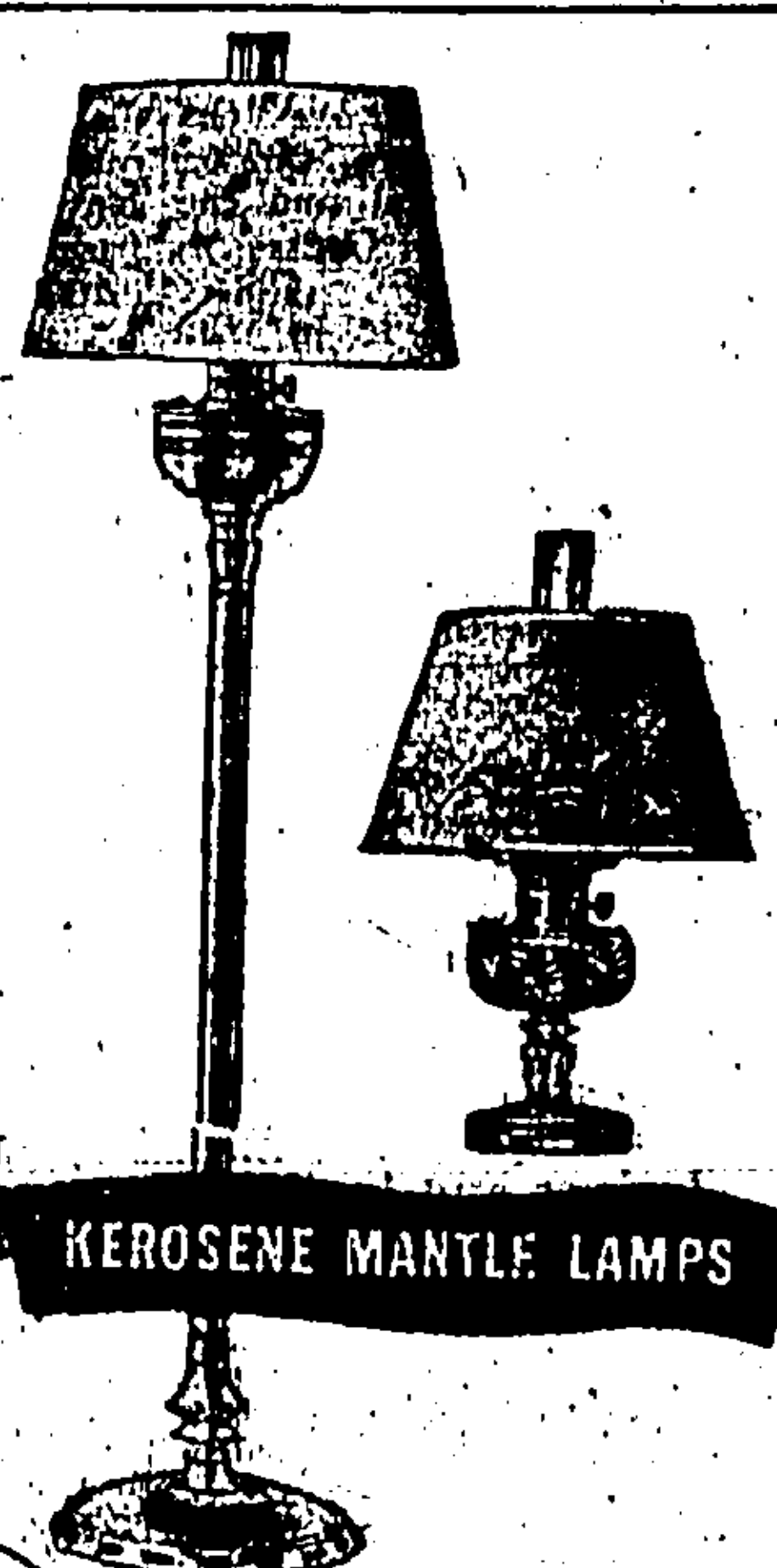
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The wedding took place at the Union Church yesterday afternoon of Miss Cecilia Rosney Abbas and Capt. James Benyon, R.E. The Rev. Frank Short officiated at the ceremony.

The bride was given away by her uncle, Mr. E. Cunningham, as her father was ill. She

wore a simple white embroidered tulle gown with a tulle veil held in place by a coronet of orange blossoms. Her bouquet was composed of white lupin and sweet peas.

The bride's sister, Mrs. R. L. Ruchin, Matron of Honour, wore a gown of wine coloured velvet and carried a posy of

pink sweet peas. Miss Noreen Maycock, flower girl wore a canary yellow tulle gown. She carried a posy of yellow sweet peas.

Duties of best man was discharged by Major J. Cross. After the reception at the Harcourt Officers Club the newly-weds left for their honeymoon at Macao.

Viet Nam Delegates' Open Letter

Representatives of various Vietnamese political groups who recently arrived in Hong Kong and held a conference during the week under the auspices of the Viet-Nam Popular Movement, the leader of which is Mr. Luu-Duc-Trung.

At this meeting, the forthcoming conference between M. Emile Bollaert, French High Commissioner for Indo-China, and Ex-Emperor Bao-Dai of Viet-Nam was discussed, among other important matters.

All the delegates who participated in the meeting unanimously agreed to send an open letter to the French Government in Paris, as follows:

"Prior to the resumption of negotiations, and at this decisive moment, when the political situation is the most complicated in history, the Viet-Nam Popular Movement has the honour of addressing this open letter to the French Government with the object of once again reiterating emphatically the natural aspirations of the people of Viet-Nam.

"France and Viet-Nam are most sincere in their desire to have the present conflict ended as early as possible. Both are in agreement that the Franco-Vietnamese question cannot be solved militarily but peacefully by sincere negotiation.

"We are unanimous in our admission that prolonged conflict between the two countries will result in wholesale destruction and manifold suffering and bereavement.

"After the last exhaustive world war, the French and Vietnamese people should firmly clasp each other's hands and sincerely and closely collaborate with each other for the common peace and prosperity of the two countries. Instead, there is disagreement and conflict with mothers and wives weeping and mourning for their beloved sons and husbands sacrificed for the mere sake of restoring, illegally, colonialism on the soil of Viet-Nam.

Thing Of Past
"Needless to say, France realises, better than any one else, that imperialism is a thing of the past. Moreover, it was agreed among the Allied Nations in the Atlantic Charter and in the Potsdam Agreement that the natural aspirations to independence and freedom of all nations should be respected, and all nations in chains should be liberated.

"M. Emile Bollaert, moreover, in his speech at Hanoi on September 10, 1947, declared plainly that Viet-Nam has reached her age for freedom and independence. The High Commissioner spoke the truth.

"With 2,000 years of glorious history behind her, and almost a century-old link with European civilisation, which incidentally was brought to her by France herself, Viet-Nam is rightfully and naturally, fully entitled to complete independence.

"She is also entitled to unity because from North to South, the people are of the same origin having identical characteristics, morals, and customs and speaking the same language.

Edmund Blunden

Edmund Blunden, whose University lectures to be delivered at Government House are notified in the advertisement columns, is perhaps best remembered by his contemporaries as one of the interpreters of the new kind of soldier of the 1914-18 war, the scholarly sensitive man facing not merely risks of life but the acuter hardships, the filth, tedium, squalor of trench life; sustained by minds that recalled the beauties of art and scenes of natural beauty.

They were by no means the less effective soldiers because they revolted against often senseless slaughter, stupidity and disregard of human suffering.

Blunden, in poems and in his prose work "Undertones of War" is the interpreter of an important part of his generation to after-times.

In 1930 he returned to Oxford to continue there the type of work he had earlier done as Professor of English in Tokyo University. He added to his already great reputation as a writer both in prose and verse by his distinguished scholarship.

As a Fellow of Merton College and a Tutor in English Literature he became a notable centre of light among students in one of the largest Honours schools of the University. His books on Leigh Hunt, on Charles Lamb and his Contemporaries, and more recently on Shelley, have placed him among the masters of interpretation of literature and thought.

His writing is the adequate instrument of a strong sensitive mind, of wide sympathies, of a discriminating judgment. He stands among the literary critics of today as eminent as he does among creative artists in prose and verse.

to fall in with the Communist in their attempt to avoid colonialism.

"The earlier an agreement can be reached between the two countries, the better the position will be to prevent Communism from spreading throughout Indo-China.

"France should also demonstrate her loyalty and sincerity by speeding up to the negotiations to avoid disastrous consequences for both sides and to erase any doubt the Vietnamese people may have about France's willingness to bring about peace.

"The Viet-Nam people hope with heart and soul that France will not lose this opportunity to re-establish peace in Viet-Nam with some agreement that will bring glory to France and satisfaction to Viet-Nam and thus end the present conflict.

"Such an agreement will also avoid any possible international intervention in an affair of internal peace. It will do harm to the good name of France and consequently cause further deterioration in the relations between Viet-Nam and France.

Readers' Letters

Immigration
Sir.—Mr. Woodhead's proposal to regulate Chinese immigration, seconded by X.Y.Z., is but an attempt to reinforce an Ordinance which was enacted during the Japanese invasion and suspended with the outbreak of the Pacific War. Over two and half years have elapsed since the enemy surrendered. The Hong Kong Government has not yet chosen to re-introduce such an important measure. There must be some good and real reasons for the suspension. It may involve some high policy that the Government is reluctant to disclose.

Let us speculate for argument's sake. Immigrants may come here by sea, land and air. It is expensive nowadays to travel from the north by sea and air. The favoured families and their entourage, professional agitators and underground terrorists whose job it has been to undermine the Colony's authority, cannot be stopped by mere enforcement of an immigration law. The simple reason is that under immigration regulations these trouble-makers and millionaires or high mandarins would have no difficulty in getting their passports from their Government, the recognised or de jure Government whom Mr. Woodhead now wishes to respect.

The only result of Mr. Woodhead's suggestion is that China's de jure Government shall take advantage of Hong Kong's ban and maroon China's intellectual liberals and anti-Nazi or pro-Anglo-American leaders who fail to understand the Kuomintang ruling clique's infallibility and divine rights to rule China forever and ever. Mr. Woodhead's proposal would not harm the Communist cause as the Reds have occupied territories large enough to accommodate their followers.

In short, Mr. Woodhead's idea must eventually lead Chinese refugees to the Communist camp and help the Kuomintang to persecute more liberals and democrats.

Anyone with a little knowledge of China now can say England in general and Hong Kong in particular should not be involved in such a mess.

Immigrants coming through Kowloon have to come through the Leased Territory which is very difficult to regulate. Even though Mr. Woodhead was imprisoned by the Japanese he might have learnt that Chinese inhabitants in and out of the Leased Territory were most helpful to the British in the dark days of the war. If they come now, they come in distress and seek hospitality. Is it nice to treat friends like that when they are desperate?

The system of Leased Territory is moreover a subject which is an exception in the general rule of the Law of Nations. Among all the Chinese Leased Territories with a time-limit only Kowloon New Territories are still in existence. The institution was a production of a 19th century imperialism and International Law does not entertain general approval of its continuance as a healthy sign of diplomatic relationship. The very word lease suggests that it is different from cession as in the case of Hong Kong.

In case of dispute in a lease the interpretation is always in favour of the grantor. In other words China's de jure Government whom Mr. Woodhead wishes to respect may say the final word before an international tribunal if and when Hong Kong chooses to regulate Chinese immigration into the New Territories of Kowloon.

All I say is of course more or less of academic nature. But even from practical standpoint I should say the regulation of Chinese immigration would not solve the difficult problem of the Colony, excepting that it give professional agitators more and better chances to intensify anti-British movements. The real difficult problem of Hong Kong, it seems, is that the vested interests have tried to return to the old days of Utopia for the few, when England is governed by a party whose programme is for the welfare of the masses. We should not have recognised the de jure notes. We should not approve the occupation land deals. We should tax heavily the rich. We should break the monopoly that tends to restrain trade.

I have great respect for Mr. Woodhead and I wish he would point out that I am wrong.

HU SHUI.
Sir.—Like most of his articles, that by Mr. H. G. W. Woodhead, C.B.E., in your issue of 22nd inst., is similar to those he has been writing ever since the Boxer Rising. From Peking, Tientsin, then Shanghai, and now in Hong

Kong, he has been writing articles which have done anything but make for better understanding between Chinese and non-Chinese. On the contrary he appears to delight in finding subjects which create misunderstandings between us from abroad and the Chinese people.

They are on the same lines as those which he wrote for the Shanghai Evening Post & Mercury, in Shanghai, before the war, under the heading "One Man's comment for Today," when Mr. Kwel Chun Shu (?) replied in his column "As a Chinese sees it." They were like a couple of children calling each other names. It is probably true that these two, together with Mr. O. M. Green, did more to create misunderstandings between Chinese and Non-Chinese, than the Japanese.

As regards Mr. Woodhead's article of 20th inst., surely he has read the history of the past 100 years out here? Shanghai was built (not as he has often erroneously stated by foreigners) by the industry of the thousands of refugees who sought shelter in Shanghai's International Settlement nearly 100 years ago, when the Tien Wang pioneered the Chiang Kai-shek route from Kwangtung to the Wuhan cities, thence down to the Yangtze River delta, driving before them countless thousands of refugees, screened by the flight of huge sums of capital, to the International Settlement of Shanghai.

It was these refugees, plus the Chinese capital protected by the rule of law in the Settlement, which made Shanghai the great city it was before the War, and for that matter, still is.

Had the Settlement authorities of a century ago, had the Woodhead mentality, and barred the entry of the refugees to the Settlement, as now advocated by Mr. Woodhead in the case of Hong Kong that great industrial city of Shanghai, would still probably be as unimportant industrially as Hong Kong of today.

Now is the opportunity for Hong Kong to be truly great. Welcome the refugees as cordially as we have received the capital which has come here with them from China. Together they can build a truly great industrial city here, in spite of Mr. H. G. W. Woodhead, C.B.E.

"INDUSTRY MEANS PROSPERITY"

Chinese Solicitor Admitted

Mr. Chan Ying-hung was yesterday admitted by Mr. Justice Williams (Chief Justice), to practise as a Solicitor of the Supreme Court of Hong Kong. Moving the application for Mr. Chan's admission, Mr. J.B. Griffin, Attorney General, said that Mr. Chan had served his articles with Messrs. Teo & Hodgson. His career of articles had been packed with incident.

It had been interrupted by the fact that after the Japanese Occupation of this Colony, Mr. Chan made good his escape to Free China, where he joined the British Army and eventually obtained the rank of Major. Mr. Griffin said that another fact of originality was that this was the first application by an applicant who had wholly qualified in the Colony.

He was glad to have the opportunity, not only of appearing on the application, but of extending to Mr. Chan a warm welcome and to express the hope that his professional career would meet with all happiness and success.

Granting the application, Mr. Justice Williams said that Mr. Chan's career had indeed been varied and interesting during the time he served his articles. During the period of the Occupation by the Japanese and thereafter, he had most loyally served the British Crown.

Mr. Justice Williams said he had had experience of Mr. Chan as a witness in trials of collaborators and of the very useful work he had done with the trials of Japanese War Criminals.

Now that Mr. Chan was going to appear in a different capacity in the Supreme Court, he was sure that he would serve with equal distinction in the future on which he was now embarking. He wished Mr. Chan every happiness and enjoyment in his career as a Solicitor.

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3rd floor, Hong Kong Bank
Building, on Friday, the 19th
March, 1948, at 11 a.m. for the
purpose of receiving the Re-
port and Statement of Accounts
for the year ended 31st Decem-
ber, 1947.

NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN
that the Transfer Books of the
Company will be closed from
the 5th March, 1948 to the 19th
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25th February, 1948.

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Meeting of the Members of this
Company will be held at the
Office of Messrs. Jardine,
Matheson & Co., Ltd., on Wed-
nesday, the 17th day of March,
1948, at Noon, to receive the
Report and Statement of Accounts
for the year ended 31st Decem-
ber, 1947, to elect Directors and
to appoint Auditors.

Notice is also given that the
Transfer Books of the Company
will be closed from the 4th
March, 1948, to the 17th March,
1948, both days inclusive.

By Order of the
Board of Directors,
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C. E. TERRY,
Manager & Secretary.

HONG KONG AUTOMOBILE ASSOCIATION

The Annual General Meeting
of the Association will be held
in the Board Room of Messrs.
Jardine, Matheson & Com-
pany's Offices on Friday, 5th
March, 1948, at 5.30 p.m.

Business: Election of Officers
and Committee for the
ensuing year and
any other matters.

Members are urged to attend
this important meeting.

T. E. JACKSON,
Chairman, Interim Committee.

ROYAL AIR FORCE ASSOCIATION

Due to unforeseen circumstances
the Dance arranged for the 6th
March has had to be cancelled.

Application for Refund of
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S. GROVES,
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Import Procedure Changed

Changes in the Import Con-
trol Order, 1947, are notified in
a supplement to the "Govern-
ment Gazette."

Briefly, it is laid down that
until further notice:
(a) All goods EXCEPT butter,
cheese, margarine, flour, rice
and rice products, sugar, meat,
soap, tin, tin-plate, coal, coke,
cotton yarn, sulphate of am-
monia, watches and diamonds
may be imported from all terri-
tories within the British Em-
pire, including Mandated Terri-
tories (except Canada, New-
foundland and Palestine), Iraq,
Iceland, the Faroe Islands,
Siam, Burma, French Indo-
China, and the Netherlands
East Indies;

(b) All goods EXCEPT coal,
cotton and cotton yarn may be
imported from China and Ma-
cau.

For the purposes of Para. 2
of the Order, the notification is
deemed a "General Licence" to
the extent therein specified.
The original order appeared as
Govt. notification 108 in the
Gazette of June 14, 1947. Notifi-
cation 740, published in the
Gazette on Sept. 20, 1947, is re-
voked.

United Press.

Dr. Koo To Be Replaced?

Dr. Wei Tao-ming, Governor
of Taiwan, has been designated
to replace Dr. Wellington Koo
as Chinese Ambassador to the
United States, according to the
Nanking correspondent of the
"Wah Kiu Yat Po" yesterday.

The decision was made fol-
lowing the recent return of
Dr. Sun Fo, Vice-President of
China, from Taiwan where he
first consulted Dr. Wei.

The main reason for the pro-
posed appointment, added the
correspondent, is to speed up
negotiations for American aid
to China.

Dr. Wei Tao-ming previously
served as Ambassador to China
following Dr. T. V. Soong's re-
turn to China during the latter
stages of the war to take up
the Premiership.

When Dr. Wellington Koo
was transferred from London to
Washington, Dr. Wei returned
to China. Vice-President of the
Legislative Yuan, later he
was appointed Governor of
Taiwan.

Variety At Fleet Club

A very enjoyable evening was
spent by a large audience of
Servicemen when "The Forces
Highlights" made its bow at the
China Fleet Club on Friday.
Most of those taking part were
Servicemen and it was their aim
to provide some entertainment
for their friends in Ships, Army
units and Air Stations.

The Bank House Boys took us
out West for some Cowboy songs
in which E.R.A. Cave lead and
"accompanied" also on the guitar.
He was assisted by Bates and
Whitfield with the boys from the
"Ole Log Cabin."

P.O. Baldwin entertained at
the piano and introduced Violet
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to produce another show in the
near future.

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NOTICE

THE HONGKONG
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ANNUAL GENERAL
MEETING

Owing to unforeseen circum-
stances the meeting is postponed
to Tuesday, 9th March 1948 at
5.30 p.m. at the Y. W. C. A.
Rutton Building, Duddell Street.

Agenda:—To receive reports
and accounts for the past year.

To review and, if
thought fit, re-
vise the constitu-
tion and policy
of the Associa-
tion.

To elect officers.
P. WU,
Hon. Secretary.

Spotlight On China's Wealthy

SHANGHAI, FEB. 28.

THE SPOTLIGHT OF PUB-
LICITY WILL BE TURNED
ON SHANGHAI'S WEALTHY
FAMILIES ON MARCH 15
WHEN THEY WILL BE
LISTED BY THE CITY GOV-
ERNMENT TO SIGNAL THE
OPENING OF THE "SOAK
THE RICH" CAMPAIGN.

Mayor K. C. Wu announced
that the Government relief as-
sessment campaign will open on
that date.

He added that all citizens
who made fortunes during the
war as well as during the civil
war, plus those who were al-
ready wealthy, will be named
publicly and will be visited by
a special collecting committee
after the publication of their
names.

The Central Government set
CN\$5,500,000,000,000—about
US\$16,500,000 at the current
blackmarket rate of CN\$300-
000 to US\$1—for the Shanghai
are alone. That amounts to
more than half of the total for
the entire country.—United
Press.

Yingkow Falls To Reds

Peking, Feb. 28.

The Communists have cap-
tured the South Manchurian
port of Yingkow, lightening the
ring about Mukden, Chinese
press despatches said today.

The Communists, who have
been massing near the port for
several days, opened a smash-
ing attack which overwhelmed
the Government garrison and
left the city in Red hands.

This setback dashed Govern-
ment hopes of using the port
as a springboard for a counter-
offensive in the spring. The Gov-
ernment hoped to reopen a sup-
ply line to Mukden, 100 miles
to the northeast.

The Communist radio, an-
nouncing Yingkow's capture,
asserted the Government's 56th
temporary division was destroy-
ed. It said the remaining 2,000
troops of the garrison were
"wiped out."

Yingkow's harbour has been
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Paris, Feb. 28.

France and Britain today asked
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of Europe to meet them on or before
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European international organization.
The French Foreign Minister an-
nounced that joint Franco-British
notes proposed that the meeting be
held in Paris.

The announcement came as officials
and diplomats of Western Europe
still reeled under the impact of the
Czech-Slovak crisis, and within 48
hours of the joint declaration by the
United States, Britain and France
against the new Czech-Communist
regime.—Associated Press.

NAKANO TO DIE

Shanghai, Feb. 28.

K. Nakano, Japanese Gen-
darm chief on Taungming
Island, north of Shanghai, was
sentenced to death today by
the Chinese High Military
Court, after being found guilty
of murdering more than 100
Chinese guerrillas during the war.

His conviction came four
days after his re-arrest, follow-
ing his sensational escape from
the Kiangwan prison camp in
December last.—Reuter.

SJAHRIR IN SINGAPORE

Singapore, Feb. 28.

Dr. Sutan Sjahrir, former
Premier of the Indonesian Re-
public, arrived here today by a
Royal Australian Air Force
Dakota from Bukittinggi, north-
ern Sumatra.

Earlier this month, it was re-
ported that Dr. Sjahrir, as a re-
sult of differences with other
Republican leaders, had led a
breakaway movement to form a
political group called the Indo-
nesian Socialists Party.

Since the fall of his Cabinet
last year, Dr. Sutan Sjahrir has
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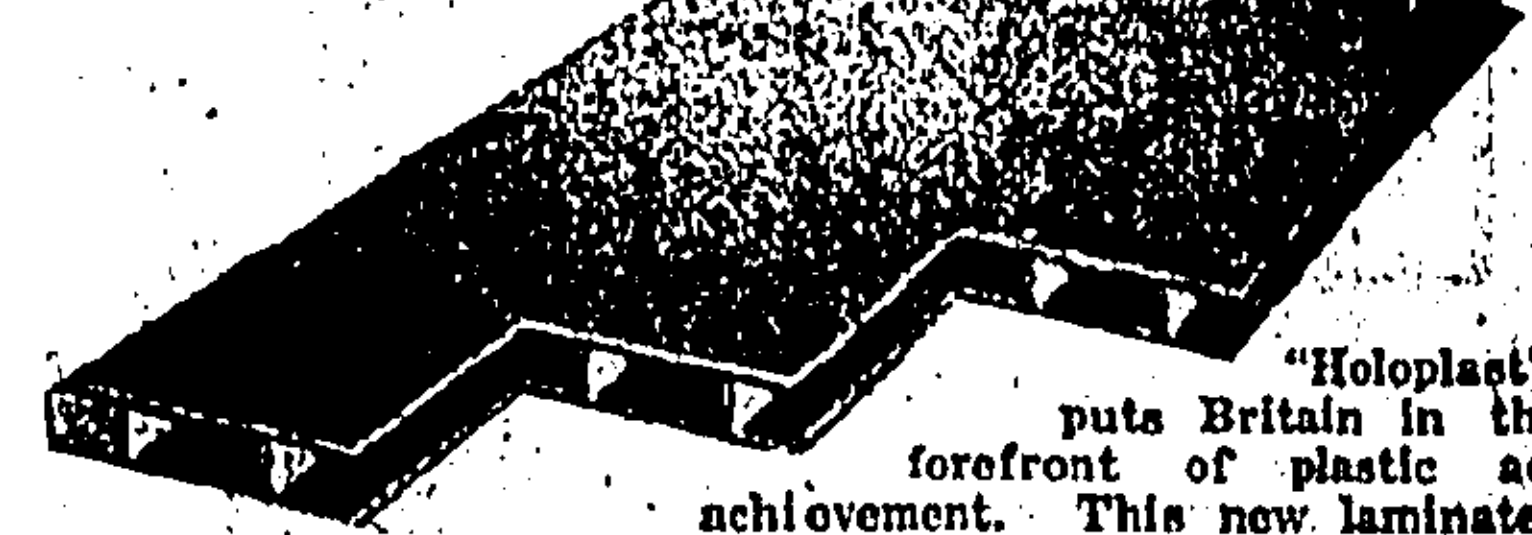
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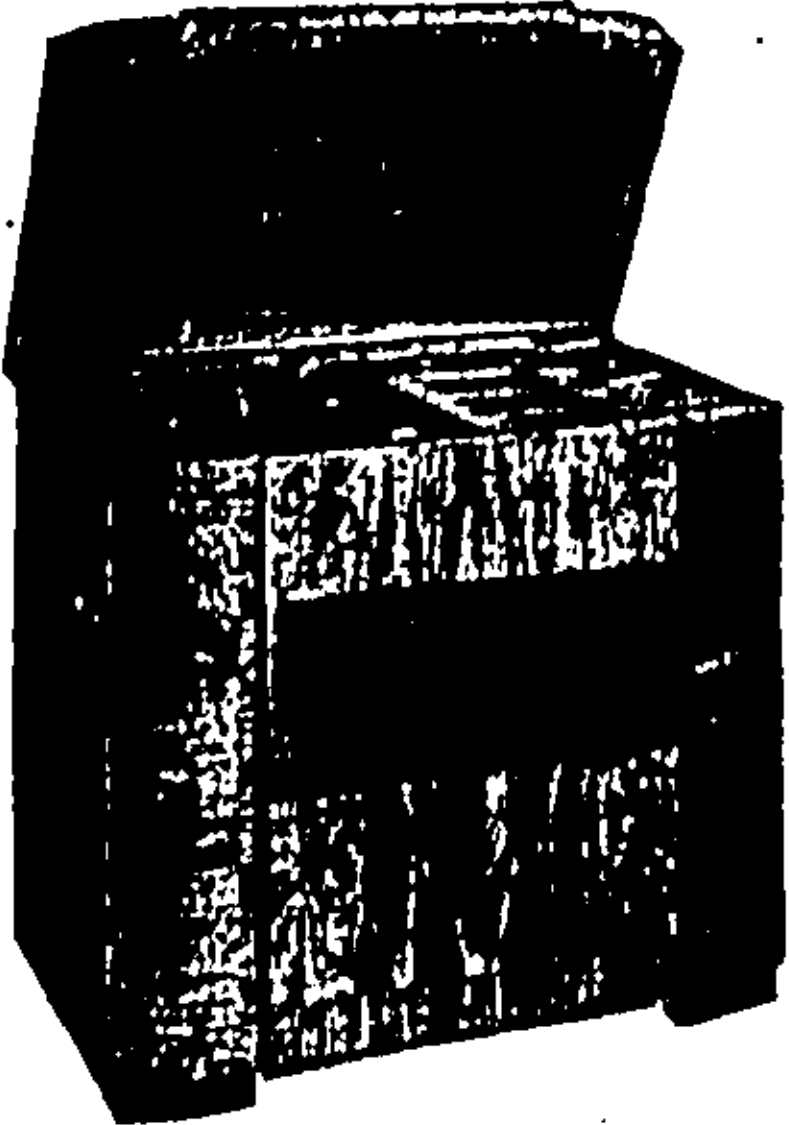
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As Seen Through A Woman's Eyes..... TERROR IN THE HOLY CITY

By Mrs. DORIS HAYS

Evacuation of the wives and families of British officials from storm-ravaged Palestine has now begun. The daily ordeal of these brave women is vividly described by the wife of a special correspondent in Jerusalem.

Anybody who lived through the blitz would soon be quite at home in the Holy City to-day. What are experiencing here would bring back memories of those bad old days of buzz-bombs and rockets, and of sirens wailing on wet winter mornings as we shivered in shopping queues.

Our sirens give out the same spine-chilling wail as did those of war-time Britain. We go about the daily round in an only too familiar atmosphere, best described by the wry warning of World War II that "anything can happen any time."

There is one big difference, though. During the blitz we at least had the satisfaction of knowing that by carrying on the best we could we were helping Britain to beat the Nazis; but in Palestine to-day "neutral" Britons, heartily disliked by Jews and Arabs alike, have not even the satisfaction of knowing that carrying on with their jobs, whatever they be, will benefit anybody, least of all themselves.

The truth is that into such wild chaos has the Holy Land been plunged, no determined Jew and Arab to get at each other's throats, that even our still strong security forces can do little more than save an individual life or building here

and there; and as far as effective government is concerned—well, when we were warned that even malls from Britain are liable to "complete dislocation," and the main post office stayed shut for a fortnight on end, we knew the worst.

Jerusalem brims over with memory-jogging incidents. Well-built young Jewesses stride through the streets in slacks, wearing the blue and white armbands of Hagannah's civil guard—A.R.P. wardens all over again.

Queues quickly form among the trim villas of Jewish suburbs when kerosene carts arrive; kerosene is Palestine's only cooking and heating fuel, and shortage of it, which is due to disturbances at the big refineries at Haifa, is hitting everybody hard.

Young waiters and shop assistants I once knew are missing from both Arab and Jewish premises, having "joined up" or "in training," and their places have been taken by elderly men and women.

Sandbagged road-blocks and defence posts are our "shelters."

The streets, too, tell their own story of strife. Windows and drivers' cabins of the grey Jewish buses are covered by sheets of armour-plating, drivers staring ahead through narrow slits. Trucks full of slouch-hatted Jewish Settlement Police and British armoured cars, with gay little signal pennants fluttering from whiplike aerial rods, lead in convoys of armoured lorries.

In the Arab quarters down by the walled Old City Arabs walk about openly armed to the

teeth, full bandollers under their cloaks, and pistols, grenades and daggers in their belts.

Life has all the complications of the blitz. Banks and shops open and close without warning. One day the Arab staff will not come to work; next day it is the Jewish who will not risk the snipers' fire in the streets. A volley of distant shots and buses stop running.

The Arabs' so-called "master plan" to cut Jewish communications by sniping and hit-and-run attacks against convoys using roads linking the Holy City with the rest of the country seems to be succeeding.

There is a food shortage in Jewish suburbs: not as tough as you at home have known it for years (only sugar, rice, and flour are rationed in Palestine) but real enough to hit people who have not been used to rationing. Eggs, vegetables, and fruit—usually brought in from surrounding agricultural settlements in breath-taking plenty—are especially short; so is meat.

Because of their religion, emergency menus and tinned food supplies are difficult to arrange among the Jewish community.

As in the blitz there is the sadness of casualties among friends. Only recently my hairdresser, Mrs. Eva Friedman, 60 years old, was dragged into an alley by Arabs in St. Julian's Hay, only 200 yards from the King David Hotel, housing the Palestine Government's secretariat and British Army headquarters, and shot three times through the head. Miraculously she still lives; but she is blind.

A veteran Arab traffic policeman, whose friendly wave of the hand used to greet me every time I went shopping, has been killed by a Jewish terrorist bomb.

Cohen's Gone

Cohen's stationery shop in the pleasant German colony, where most Britons live, in old grey-stone Arab houses, has been fired by Arabs. I bought my newspapers and magazines there since first coming to Palestine two years ago. Cohens were warned to evacuate to the all-Jewish quarter by Arab friends only 24 hours before their shop went up in flames.

But, above all, most like the blitz days are our own "bomb binges," complete with stories of narrow escapes from bombs, snipers, and ambushes, and "experts" announce casually as the hotels shivers in the blast from a nearby explosion, "Three-inch mortar. I think," or "That's a big one about a mile away," as an angry violet flash spreads across the night sky and an accompanying roar starts sirens wailing and red alarm flares curving gracefully over the minarets.

Like we managed to do at home in the war years, however, we few hundred British women in Palestine carry on, even if a sniper does take a pot-shot at us when we go to change our library book and we wonder all the time where the next bang will come.

What The Chinese Press Is Saying

Wah Kiu Yat Po: Since the end of the war all countries have been suffering from a shortage of food. Rice is one of the staple foods of the people. If supplies are insufficient to meet the demand, then the price in the markets is bound to fluctuate.

As a result of the rice shortage, the price of this essential food has continued to rise in and outside China. In many instances, extreme difficulty is being experienced in attempts to obtain rice.

In Hong Kong, however, the situation is better than in China. This, it cannot be denied, is due to the excellent administration of the local authorities by instituting the ration system, which is the main reason for such good results.

From the beginning, the authorities recognised the importance of getting supplies of rice for Hong Kong. They were also far-sighted enough to realise what would happen in an uncontrolled rice market. As a result, the existing food ration system was established to provide an equal distribution of essential foods among the population and to keep the prices down.

It is because of this, that Hong Kong has not felt the full impact of the worldwide shortage of food. The food ration system is one of the main factors contributing towards social order.

NO CONTROL. Hong Kong has no control over the quality of the rice that is allocated to the Colony. Nevertheless, since rice is the staple food of the majority of the local population, efforts should be made to secure a fair quality.

The present rice-flour ration is not sufficient for the average individual who is forced to buy the extra amount in the open market at high prices.

The inferior quality of rationed rice forces the ration-card holder to forego his ration and he buys in

the open market at a price he can ill afford. Provision of a better quality of rationed rice will automatically bring down the open market prices, not only of rice but of all other essential commodities.

CAUSE FOR ALARM.

Hwa Hsing Pao: The recent fluctuation in the price of rice is cause for alarm. How much "black-market" rice does Hong Kong need? Of the 1,600,000 people in Hong Kong, 1,100,000 are rice ration-card holders. The card, however, only entitles a person to 12.5 catties of rice per month.

Based on the average individual's daily consumption of one catty, the rice ration is sufficient for only half a month. The individual has to obtain rice for the other half-month in the black market.

This means that daily more than 500,000 catties of black market rice are obtained from the black market by rice-ration card holders alone. In addition, there are another half a million people without ration cards. They depend entirely on the black market for their rice.

Taking all together, Hong Kong requires more than 1,000,000 catties of black market rice every day to feed its population.

COMMUNIST RAID.

Kung Sheung Yat Po: The Communists recently made a landing in Hangchow Bay, south of Shanghai. Their other movements elsewhere coincided with their propaganda about crossing the Yangtze River in May. Whether or not their object will be realised, however, remains to be seen.

The old saying that "the Yangtze, wide as the sky, can never be crossed," is outdated in view of the modern methods of war.

Today, political warfare and economic warfare are more important than ordinary military operations. Whether or not the Communists will be able to cross the Yangtze depends in turn on whether or not the Communists can politically and economically rally the support of the masses. Obviously, the Communists are not depending on their military strength to cross the Yangtze.

At present politics mean corruption and bribery. In China, the people are disheartened from outside China, our allies point a critical finger.

KOREAN MOVES

Sing Tao Jih Pao: Soviet-occupied north Korea has formally announced the establishment of a Democratic Peoples Republic. How will this affect the destiny of the whole of Korea? How will it affect the stability of the Far East and world peace? As far as China is concerned, it is a dangerous event and needs watching.

At the same time when the establishment of the Republic was announced, Moscow Radio broadcast that the Red Army's fighting power, equipment and tactics were superior to any other army in the world, and rained abuse on the armies of Britain, America and France.

America is the world's richest and most powerful nation. In addition, she possesses the atomic bomb. Whatever action she adopts in future is depressing. For, irrespective of whether the Red Army wipes out the American Army or the American Army smashes the Red Army, Korea will become the battlefield.

The Fixed Aim Of Communism

LONDON, FEB. 27.
A COMMUNIST PARTY ANNOUNCEMENT AT THE SECOND COMINTERN CONGRESS IN 1920 WAS STATED TODAY TO BE CONSIDERED BY THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT AS AN ACCURATE ANALYSIS OF RECENT COMMUNIST TACTICS AND STRATEGY IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA.

Reading from the statement, a Foreign Office spokesman said: "The fixed aim of Communism is the destruction of Parliamentary government. The Communist Party enters such institutions, not in order to do constructive work, but so that it may enable the masses to destroy the bourgeois State machine and Parliament from within."

British policy towards Czechoslovakia is under review, the spokesman said. He refused to indicate what steps were likely to be taken.

The three-power declaration condemning events in Czechoslovakia was a statement of attitude made to the world and had not been covered off formally by the Czechoslovak Government.

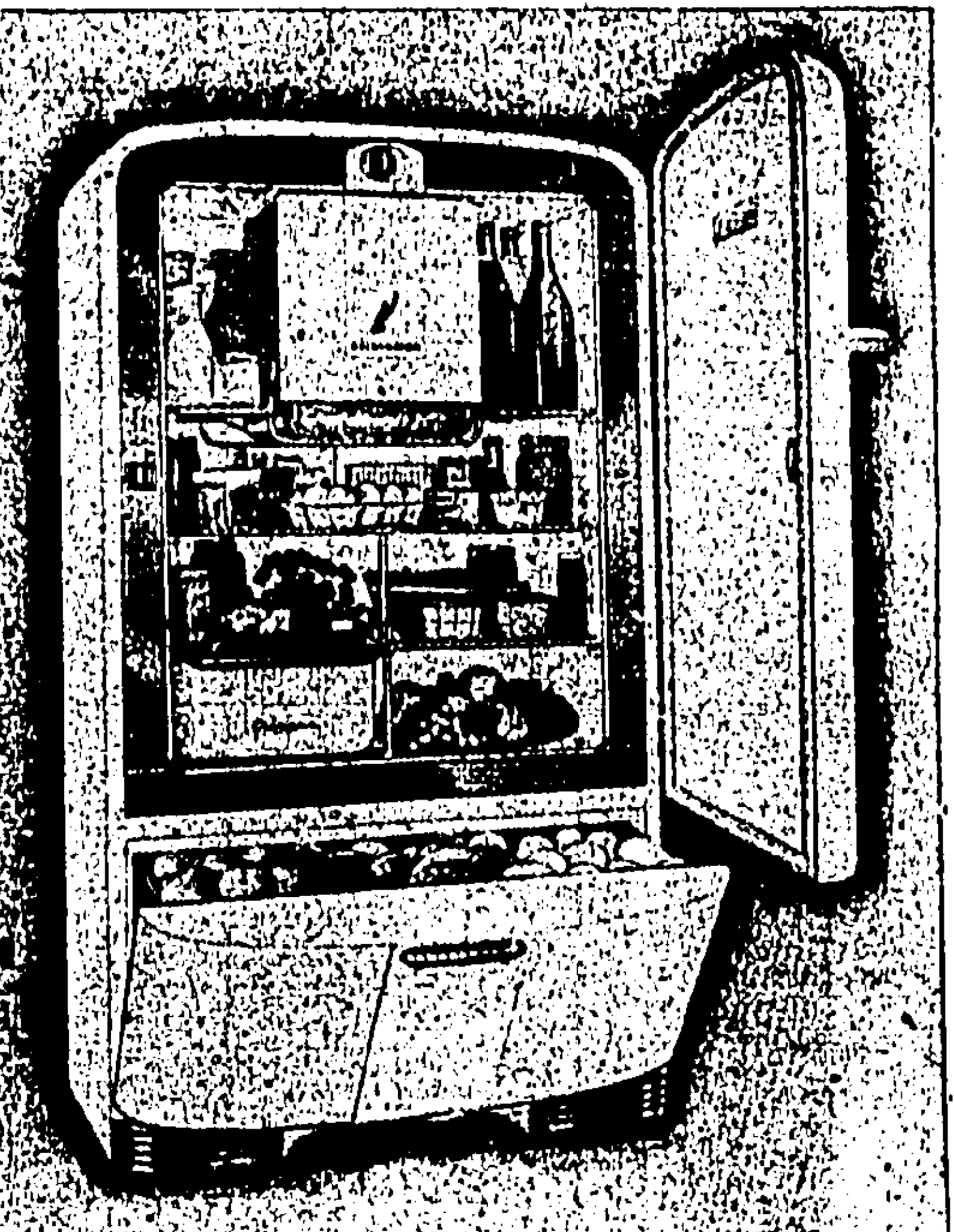
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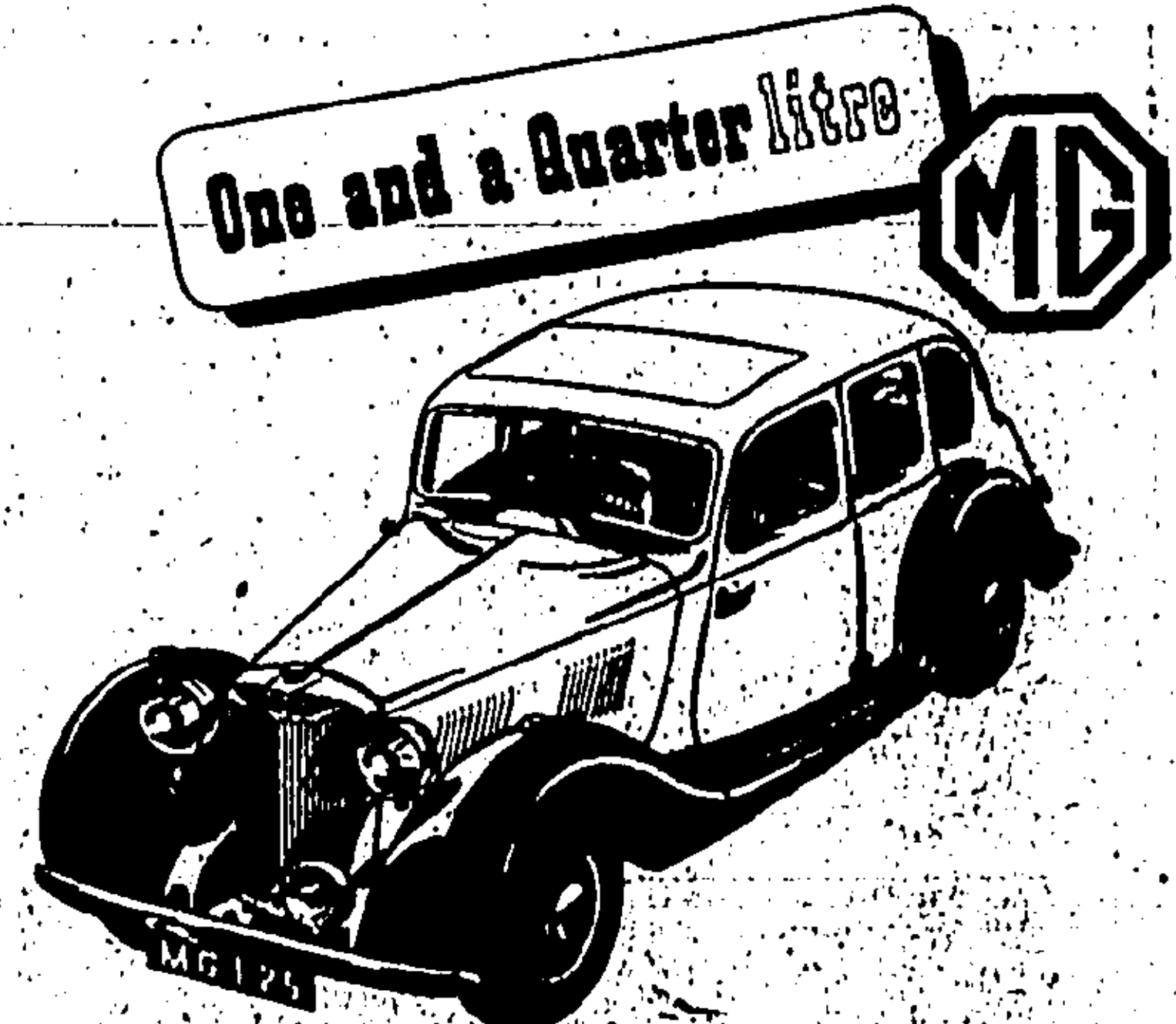
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JEW'S OPEN ENQUIRY INTO JERUSALEM EXPLOSION

Jerusalem, Feb. 27.

British Bren gunners took up positions in the road-way in front of the Palestine police headquarters in the heart of the fortified zone of Jerusalem today as about 200 troops and police made a comb-out of apartment buildings opposite.

The security swoop came after anonymous warnings to police headquarters that the Jewish terrorist organisations, Irgun Zvai Leumi and the Stern Gang, or a striking force of both, planned an attack on the headquarters in retaliation for the Ben Yehuda Street explosion last Sunday, which both organisations alleged was perpetrated by the British.

Three of Palestine's leading Jewish activists—E. G. Gonen, Asher Levinsky and Yehoshua Gonen—today issued an all Jewish public enquiry into the explosion, in which 51 people were killed outright or died of their injuries.

The first witness, a member of the recently-formed "Mishmar Haam" Jewish Civil Guard, told the court that a man in a police uniform was in the heart of the zone surrounded by which three army trucks in Ben Yehuda Street shortly after a check on Sunday morning.

The man had "blonde" yellowish hair and a fair, trimmed mustache. The witness said, adding that he could "pick him out of thousands."

The witness said he had served five years in the Army in a mixed British Jewish unit of the Royal Engineers and was able to distinguish between an Englishman and a non-Englishman.

The witness, who was on night block duty in the Romanina quarter of Jerusalem on Sunday morning, said the "blonde" man told him the convoy passed through the road block, "I am responsible for these trucks, I am conveying salvage to Allenby Barracks."

Witness said he was taken to the Civilian Investigation Department where he was shown 40 photographs, but he could not identify anyone.

Some of the witnesses were testifying on oath at today's proceedings. The enquiry was adjourned until Sunday.

Poles Shot

The bodies of two Christian Poles, one of them a former Polish Vice-Consul, were found today in Jerusalem shot through the head.

They were said to have been "executed" by Jewish extremists.

Jewish sources said the Poles were M. Winulski, a former Polish Vice-Consul, who worked in the Jerusalem office of the Custodian of Enemy Property, and M. Sengulski, formerly head of the Polish Information Services in the Middle East, who had recently been working as a freelance journalist.—Reuter.

Stalin "Worse Threat"

Washington, Feb. 27.

If the United States turns its back on the Soviet threat, it will be only a few years before "we will face a situation which is unmanageable," Mr. Averell Harriman, Secretary of Commerce, has told Congressmen.

Giving evidence for a proposed survey of uncharted Alaskan coasts and for Arctic weather research, he told the House Appropriations Subcommittee in a secret session that Russia "is a greater menace than Hitler was."

Mr. Harriman said: "I think we can deal with it today, and I think we can roll the pressure back on this aggressive force. But if we let them take control of Central Europe with its 270,000,000 people, we will face a situation that we cannot deal with."

"The new balance of power which is now preponderantly in our favour will be against us," he stated.

His statement was contained in the Sub-Committee's report to submitted Congress today.—Reuter.

JEWISH AGENCY ASKS FOR MORE HELP

Lake Success, Feb. 27.

The Jewish Agency today announced in the United Nations Security Council that it was ready to risk forming a Jewish state in Palestine without the help of an international army if the United Nations refused to mobilize one.

The Agency attacked the major part of the new United States formula for handling the Palestine issue, asserting that it might block Holy Land partition and increase bloodshed between the Arabs and Jews.

Dr. Moshe Shertok, the Agency's political chief, told the Council the American proposal for new Big Five consultations with the Arabs, Jews and British was a bewildering suggestion which "may jeopardize implementation of the whole (partition) plan."

The Jewish spokesman called for the lifting of "indiscriminate embargoes" on arms shipments—a direct reference to the United States' ban on arms shipments to Palestine.

He suggested that the Council ask all UN members to supply arms to Jewish defenders of the UN partition programme and deny them to the Arabs because the latter were resisting the plan.

Shertok said the Jews still believed an international army was "vital" necessary for defending their state-to-be against Arab aggression. But, he added, they were ready to set up their government even if the Council refused to provide an international force.

Requests

Major requests made by Shertok were:

1. Lifting of the embargo on shipment of arms to the Jews in Palestine.

2. Assistance, in the form of arms, and possibly funds, to outfit the prospective Jewish militia in Palestine.

3. Ban on extension of Britain's mandate over the Holy Land beyond May 15, the date set by the British for turning over the land to the United Nations.

4. Immediate Council passage of two parts of the American formula—acceptance by the Council of the partition programme as the proper solution of the Palestine problem and urgent Big Five talks on whether the situation in the Holy Land is a threat to world peace.

The Russian deputy Foreign Minister, M. Granyko, indicated that he would probably give Russia's view on the issue of enforcing partition on Monday.

"The Minimum"

Lake Success, Feb. 27.

Shertok, accused the Arab of open aggression. The partition plan was "the irreducible minimum" which the Jews could accept. He said they would never submit to a status of a minority and the urge for independence would "never be eradicated from Jewish hearts."

Britain was to blame for not allowing Jewish defence forces to receive arms. The Jewish Agency demanded these arms.—Reuter.

NAVY VISIT TO INDO-CHINA

Paris, Feb. 27.

A salute of 101 guns from the port batteries of Saigon greeted the arrival today of the cruiser "London" (10,000 tons), flying the flag of Admiral Sir Denis Boyd, C-in-C, BPE, the French Press agency reported from Saigon.

HMS "London" was escorted by the destroyers "Constance," "Consort" and "Concord" and the frigate "Alert."

During a week's visit, Admiral Sir Denis Boyd will be the guest of M. Emile Bollaert, the French High Commissioner in Indo-China. This is the Royal Navy's first official call at Saigon since 1936.—Reuter.

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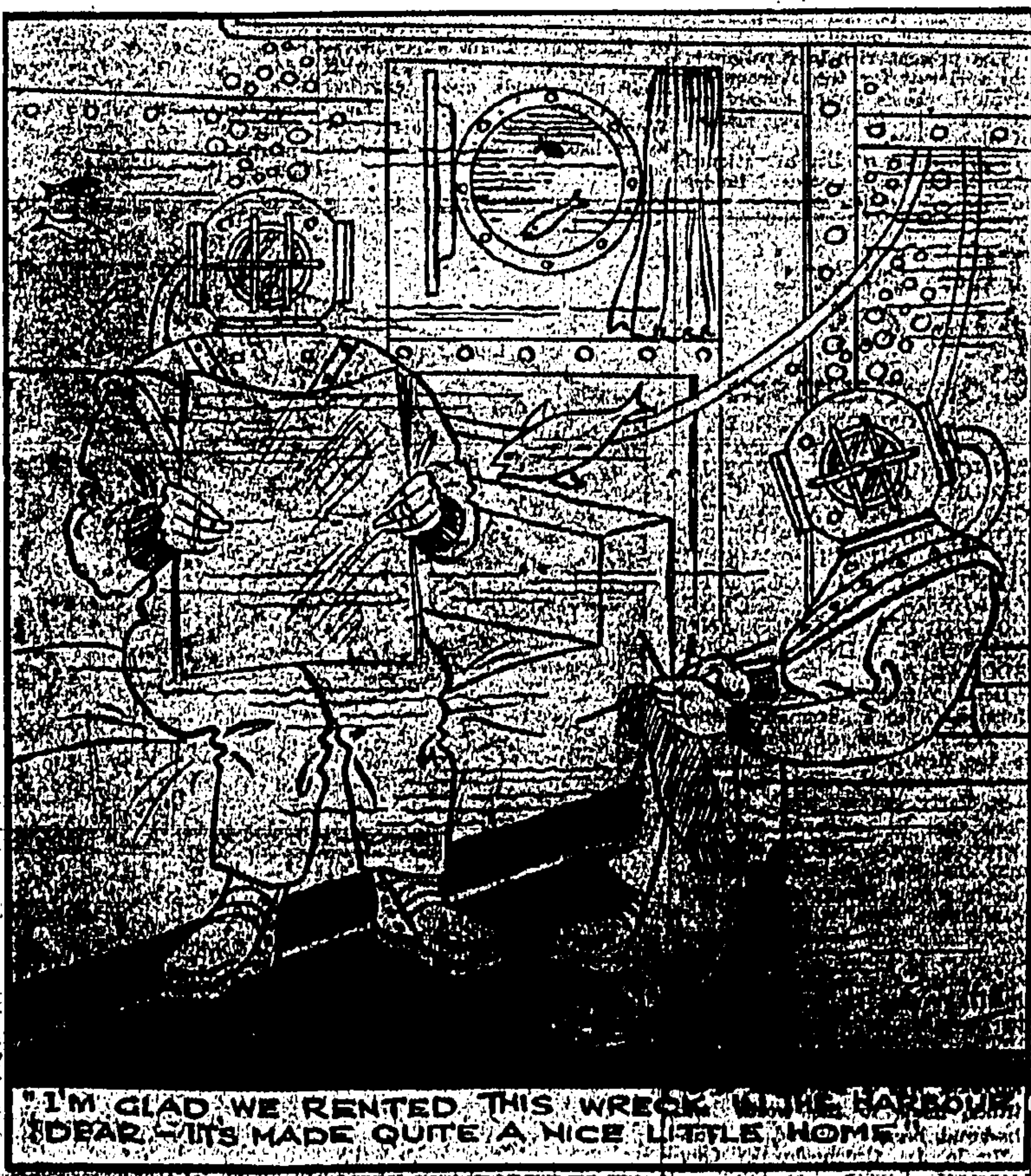
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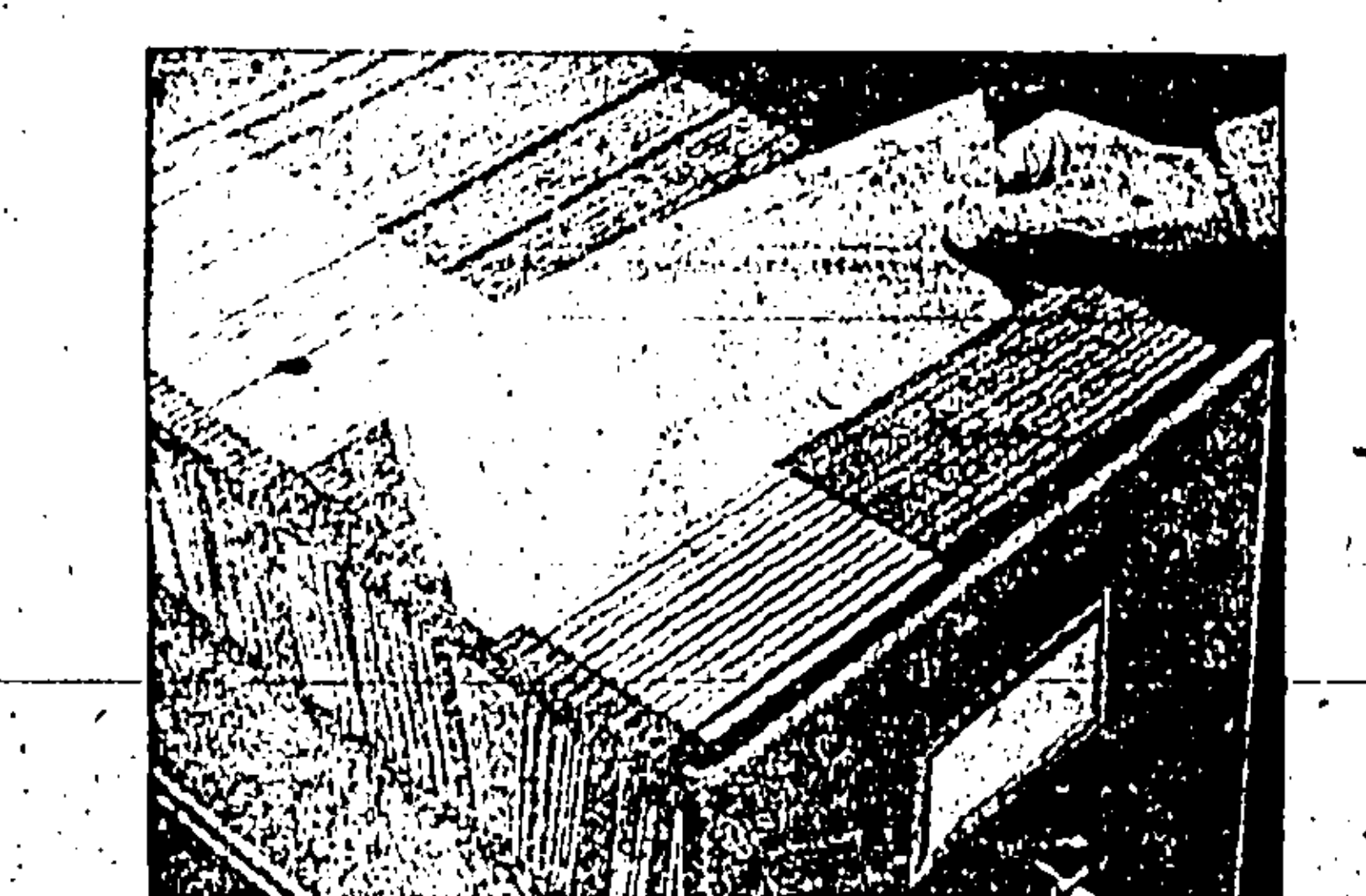
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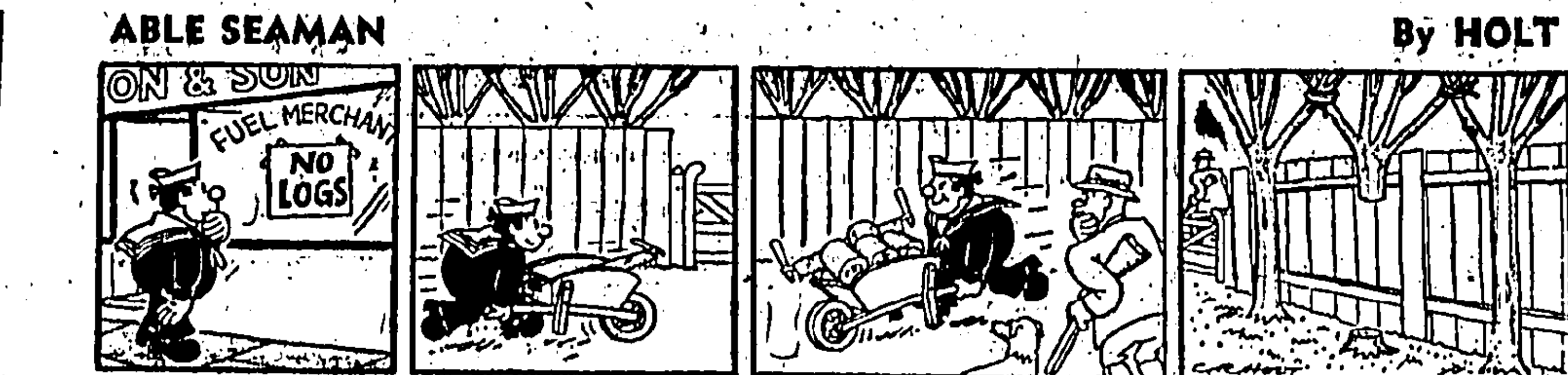


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ABOUT THIS AND THAT

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Hong Kong music lovers will be without the services of one of their keenest and most hard-working members for the next six months or more. Betty Drown, musical secretary of ZBW, sailed in the "Canton" on Monday with her husband on leave. It won't be a complete holiday for either of them, however, for Mr. Drown, who is with the Labour Office, is going to spend part of the time looking into factory conditions at Home, while Betty is to undergo a course at the BBC, with particular emphasis on control-room procedure and the proper use of the "mixing" panel, etc.

To most people in Hong Kong, the name of Betty Drown, as I pointed out in my "Musical World" column some weeks back, is generally associated with amusements that John Doe or Mary Roe will sing, or play some musical instrument, "accompanied by Betty Drown." A few more know her as one of the keenest members of the music side of the Sino-British Club.

But the bulk of her work—the arranging and balancing of ZBW's many types of musical programmes—passes almost unnoticed and without publicity. This, in particular, applies to the Sunday evening "Proms Concerts," for until I made mention of the fact the other day—few people knew that she not only chose the records, but also wrote the script which Davies, who runs the series—a banal description of some really good programme-announcers—make a splendid combination.

LAST DRINK

She popped over for a last drink on Sunday night—a "last drink," as it is extremely improbable I shall still be here when she returns. Mr. Drown was unable to tear himself away from his packing. I gather he was anxious to prevent any repetition of two earlier contretemps—(a) when Betty finished her morning ablutions and found that Hubby had packed away all—and I mean all—her underwear and (b) when she turned back the bed-covers after dinner and found he had done the same with all their night attire.

Perhaps it will give you as good an indication as can be defined in words why Betty is popular. If I say that her first remark was that she felt she had to pop in for a few moments before sailing not only to say goodbye but also to thank me for all I had done. This completely fooled me. You see, on Sunday afternoon I had wondered if I dared butt in on the Drowns while they were in the throes of last-minute packing to thank her. I have been an infernal nuisance to Betty. Ever since the "Sunday Herald" started to run a weekly column on music I've bothered Betty several times a week on the subject of past, present and future programmes and spent quite a few hours talking about musical works which were new to me. And yet—she felt she had to thank me, and what's more, she meant it!

A MISS

Clara Stanfield is taking over from Betty, though I "passed my number" with her over the phone on Monday. I've been so rushed this week I've not had a chance to meet her. I know she won't mind my revealing the fact, however, that tonight's "Proms Concert" is still a Betty Drown-Clifford Davies programme for, somehow, despite the final flurry of discovering dozens of things which have to be done before one sails anywhere, Betty managed to find the time to do one more "Proms Concert" before she left. Hong Kong is going to miss Betty.

I say that without meaning anything derogatory to her successor, and I hope no one tries to suggest otherwise. But, for the first time in its history, this Colony is at last becoming conscious of the fact that there is a lot of fine music in the world and that something can be done to let Hong Kong hear some of it. The departure, even for a short period, of such a stalwart supporter and worker as Betty is, indeed, a loss to the Colony, only a temporary one.

Another impending loss to the best women announcers, and who give the "Classical Music Programme" each week, is the front rank of The Best Programme. Maribel has demonstrated very effectively that even the spoken voice can be made a musical instrument, and as a result the whole of her programme from

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start to finish—and not just the records—is enjoyable. Someone called Eric Hood will endeavour to take her place. After his Wednesday night effort, I don't know whether to say he is "trying"—or "very trying."

Queues

Almost at the very moment of locking this page up and going to Press last Saturday, I had to cancel a suggestion I had made concerning the system of controlling the crowds at the Kowloon terminus of the "Star Ferry." For some time now, we've had a fairly good system operating on the Island pier, but conditions around the season-ticket holders' entrance on the mainland in particular continued to be nothing short of chaotic. I, therefore, drew up a scheme for instituting some form of queue by means of rails and ropes.

Lo Saturday morning the "Star Ferry" people bent me to it. I arrived at the pier to find an orderly, 2-people-wide queue had been formed, under the watchful eye of a Ferry Inspector. The difference it made was almost breath-taking. Instead of a shoving, seething mass of several hundred people all trying to get through a bottle-neck at once, one took one's place in the queue and, at a given word, moved smoothly ahead onto the pier, with one's hat and outer garments intact and one's temper unfrayed.

One little incident occurred which seemed to me to be somewhat symbolical of the state of affairs in China today. There are probably just as many rules and regulations to meet "the emergency" in China as there are in England. In the latter country, people grumble a bit but they do tend to keep in line. In China, on the other hand, the tendency seems to be for every one to immediately work out ways of circumventing the rules. My "symbol" occurred when the "Star Ferry" queue was already some 50 or 60 feet long from head to tail.

It was so obviously a queue, and the reason for it was equally apparent. Enter a well-dressed Chinese woman. She walked right past the end of the queue, swished what was happening and "attached" herself, almost to the very head of the queue. She seemed quite annoyed when the Inspector dashed up and made her go to the other end of the line—which by this time was some 10 feet longer than when she had passed it.

For Sale

Browsing through some recent exchange-copies of that excellent newspaper, the "Christian Science Monitor," I came across the following advertisement which so pleased me by its quaintness and sense of humour that I make no apology for re-printing it:

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circumstances. The brutal treatment of the guards, who frequently resort to the use of their fists, is another complaint.

How true all this is I have no means of finding out here. It reminds me, however, of another frequent complaint in Shanghai, that the Police are not exactly helpful where non-Chinese are concerned. The classic case, as reported in a letter to the senior English-language newspaper there, concerned a European who rang up the nearest Police Station to report the presence of a burglar or marauder in his front garden, to be told "We don't take telephone messages from foreigners!"

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Gaoi

One of the largest of its kind in the world, the Ward Road Gaoi in Shanghai was almost a model prison in the pre-war days when that northern port was run by the Shanghai Municipal Police of the International Settlement. Today, it is still a fine prison by Chinese standards, providing you are a Chinese prisoner. According to the 19 European prisoners now serving sentences there, however, the position is entirely different so far as they are concerned. In a letter apparently smuggled out, they "appeal to public opinion for assistance and moral support."

According to their letter, their total food ration a day consists of 30 ounces of bread and 4 ounces of boiled vegetables—and nothing more. Medical attention is inadequate. While several forty-leads of UNRRA medical supplies have been seen being unloaded in the gaoi, the maximum the 19 prisoners have been able to obtain from the Hospital is one aspirin tablet. No blankets or warm clothes were issued during the recent cold spell nor were they permitted to obtain any from outside sources. No heat is provided in the concrete building.

Convicted Chinese are permitted to smoke, though they have to buy their supplies at inflated prices from a monopoly group formed by certain prisoners and guards. The European prisoners are forbidden to smoke under any

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Out Of The Mouths

Chatting over the tiffin-table last week with a young lady aged six, we discussed the new flat she, Daddy and Mummy are moving into, and bemoaned our lot which has caused us to live in hotels ever since we arrived here two years ago. She opined that it was quite easy to get a flat, really. Indeed, we queried, and how? "Oh, you just have to be a Government servant," she replied.

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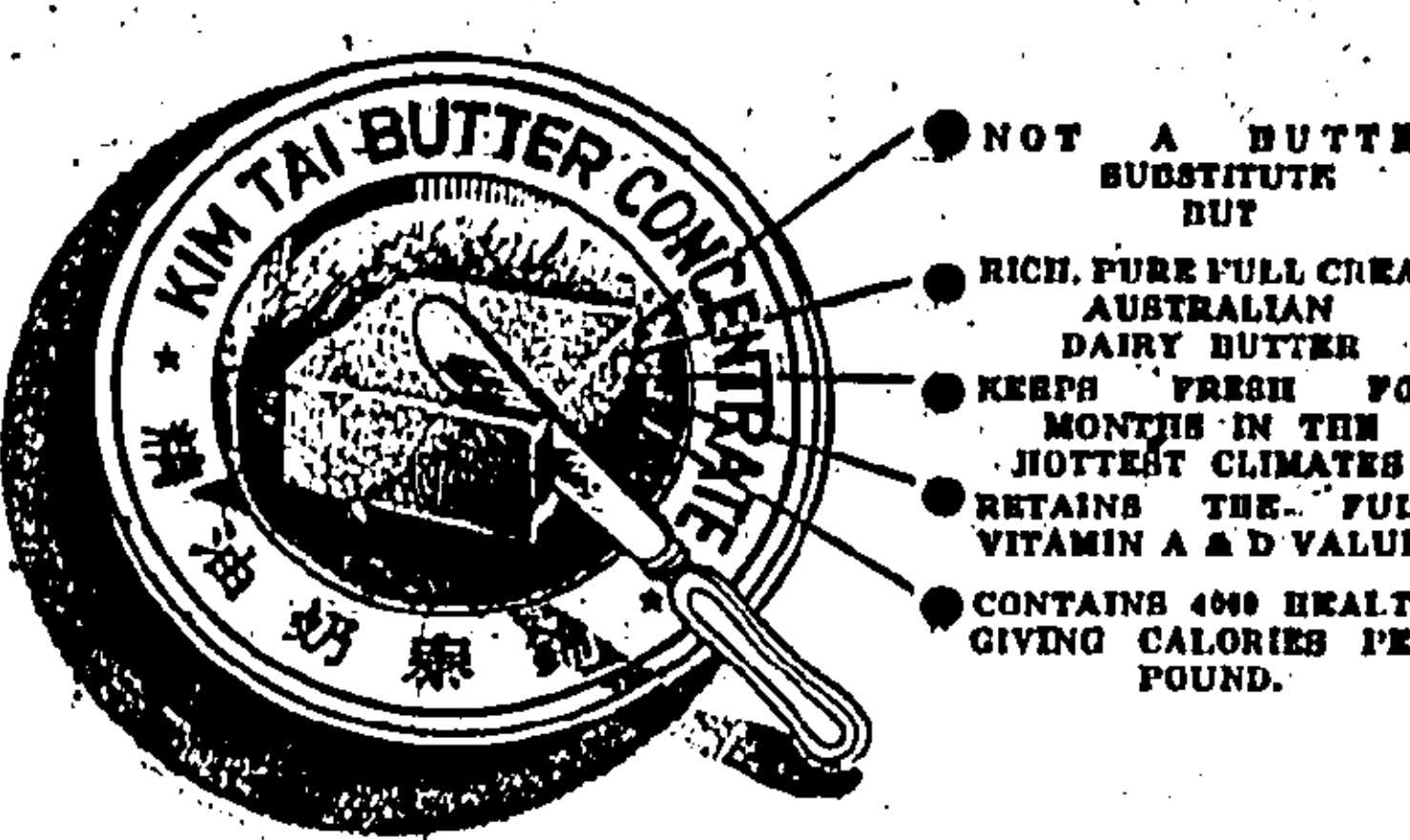
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Joke

For no accountable reason, this little joke seems to affect my funnybone in a particularly ticklish spot. You may know that daffy dame of the Hollywood films, one Marie Wilson. "It seems the other day, when things were slack, a friend who was on his way up to Canada for a vacation, asked: 'Say, Marie, why don't you come with me up to Lake Louise and Banff?' Replied she: 'Gee, I'd love to—but how do you banff?'"

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CHURCHILL ASKED TO APOLOGISE "UNJUSTIFIED SLUR" ON BRITISH TROOPS

Melbourne, Feb. 27.
A demand that an "amende honourable" should be made by Mr. Winston Churchill was today voiced by Mr. Kent Hughes, Australian Minister of Transport, who was a colonel in the Malayan campaign.

"Mr. Churchill in 1942 cast an unjustified slur on the British troops there, suggesting that they greatly outnumbered the Japanese who defeated them. The remnants of the army are still awaiting an admission from him that that statement was incorrect," Mr. Hughes declared.

He was commenting on Lieutenant General Arthur Percival's despatches on the Malayan campaign which were released today.

In Canberra, Mr. John J. Dedman, Australian Minister for Defence, said today that General Percival's despatches were submitted to the Australian Government before publication. The Australian Army authorities had said they were fair and accurate as far as the Australian forces were concerned.

The Army authorities wished to offer no comment from the military point of view, he added, and this was passed on to the British Government. In the House of Representatives, Mr. A. M. Blain (Independent), who was a member of the Australian force in Malaya and became a prisoner of war, asked the Government to ascertain from the British Government whether it was by General Percival's orders that the Australian artillery was prevented from training on the Japanese massing for the assault on Singapore.

Mr. Blain said that two days before the Japanese attacked, they were in full view on the other side

of Johore Strait, within range of Australian artillery, which was not allowed to fire on them.

"The result was that later the Australians were mown down like rats," he added.

"Vetted"?

The "Morning Tribune," an Asiatic-owned English language Malayan newspaper in Singapore, said today the manuscript of General Percival's despatches was "judiciously vetted" by the War Office in 1946 "so as to give as little offence as possible to those directly interested in the Malayan campaign, particularly the Australians."

Malaya's unpreparedness sprang from causes implicit in the colonial system, the paper said. As a result, the people of the colony were not ready to play their part in total war. Commenting on General Percival's statement that "many Asiatics were of a type unsuited for training as soldiers," the "Morning Tribune" declared:

"This is a myth which, however convenient politically for the colonial powers, has been irretrievably shattered by the recent war."

Missing Link

"The Malayan Chinese during the occupation showed loyalty and courage," the paper said, "but the 'Malayan People's Anti-Japanese Army'."

"Unless and until a colonial Government overcomes its antipathy to the training of a colonial people in bear arms, there will always be an important link missing in the defence of the colonies," the paper added.—Reuter.

Burma Applies To UNO

Lake Success, Feb. 27.

Burma today took the first steps toward membership in the United Nations when the Burmese Ambassador to the United States (U. Su Nyun) formally presented an application, in a letter to the United Nations Secretary General (Dr. Trygve Lie).

The letter was dated February 27 and was the first application since the second General Assembly meeting last autumn.

The application will first go to the Security Council for action and then will be submitted to the General Assembly's third session next September.—United Press.

Nicholson Made G.O.C. West Africa

London, Feb. 27.
Major-General C.G.G. Nicholson, who led the Second Division across the Irrawaddy near Mandalay in March 1946, has been appointed General Officer Commanding British Forces in West Africa.

General Nicholson commanded the 44th Indian Armoured Division from 1943 to 1944 and subsequently took command of the British 2nd Division.

He was awarded the American Legion of Merit for work in North Africa. General Nicholson takes up his new command in August.—Reuter.

Railway Wage Increase

London, Feb. 27.
The first negotiated wage increase since the Government announced its "peg wages" policy early this month was announced today.

Most men and women employed in the nationalised railways are expected to benefit in pay and conditions as a result of an agreement reached between the three railway trade unions and the railway executive.

The amounts of the increases are not known. The railwaymen were given a 7/6d weekly flat increase last July. Any new increases now will result from a comprehensive regrading of workers.—Reuter.

Warsaw, Feb. 27.
A Polish-Rumanian cultural treaty was signed here today. The Rumanian delegation, which arrived in Warsaw yesterday, was led by Dr. Peter Gross, the Rumanian Foreign Minister. Madame Ana Pauker, the Rumanian Foreign Minister, was also present.—Reuter.

Ambassador "Indiscreet"

Bangkok, Feb. 27.
Siamese Foreign Office sources today described as "indiscreet" alleged statements in Nanking by Dr. Li Tsiang, the Chinese Ambassador to Siam, saying the present Siamese Government was ultranationalist.

Search For Missing Ships

Warsaw, Feb. 27.
The Polish Ministry for Foreign Affairs said today Poland would search in Polish territorial waters for the crews of two Swedish ships—the 289-ton "Kinnekulle" and the 230-ton "Ivan"—whose disappearance in the Baltic was reported last Tuesday.

The Polish Government yesterday received a Swedish note asking for help in the search. The "Ivan" was reported to have vanished while bound from Stolpmünde, Poland, for Malmo, Sweden, and the "Kinnekulle" was reported abandoned by her crew of seven near Stockholm, also having sailed from Stolpmünde.—Reuter.

Advised Them To Break Law

London, Feb. 27.
A British trade protection organisation which advised the 37,000 boot and shoe repairers to violate a Government price control order was convicted by a London Magistrate today of incitement and attempted incitement to breaking the regulation.

The magistrate recorded a formal conviction but imposed no penalty. "It seems to me that to enforce any penalties would be nothing less than oppressive."

He added that the secretary of the Government price regulation committee had admitted in court that the order which the Incorporated National Federation of Boot Trades Associations had advised should be broken was a bad order, authorising insufficient increases in the charges for leather repairs and excessive increases in the charges for rubber repairs.

A few weeks after it was made, it was amended on the lines suggested by the National Federation.—Reuter.

State Of Emergency In Queensland

Brisbane, Feb. 28.
Edward Manion, Premier of Queensland, has proclaimed a state of emergency in the state because of a railway strike.

The strike was started on Feb. 2 for higher wages for railway workers but the Queensland Labour Government has insisted that the matter is one for an arbitration court.

Trains have not run in Queensland since Feb. 7 but an effort to extend the strike to trams has so far proved unsuccessful.

The state-of-emergency gives the Government drastic powers to safeguard the "peace, welfare and order and the good Government and public safety of the state."

Most Drastir Ever
In announcing the measure, Manion said that the food situation in some areas had made it essential for major transport to be obtained. The powers taken are described as the most drastic ever applied by a Labour Government in Queensland, if not in Australia.

Railwaymen who fail to report for work on Monday will be dismissed. If insufficient men return to work, the Government may call for volunteers to man the railways.

The compelling of any person to stop work is prohibited and picketing is banned. Any person who commits a breach of the order in council may be arrested without warrant.—Associated Press.

Berlin, Feb. 27.
Nearly 245,000 tons of food were imported into the British and American Zones of Germany during the first three weeks of this month at a total cost to British and the United States taxpayers of \$2,133,500. Among the major imports were 35,650 tons of fish from Britain and Scandinavia and 8,205 tons of sugar from Cuba.—Reuter.



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AUSTRIA AT FOUR WAY-CROSSING

Up a little winding staircase of a house in the American zone of Vienna is the flat of Dr. Leopold Figl, the Austrian Chancellor.

It consists of four small rooms modestly furnished. He explains to his visitors that he does not move into anything larger or more imposing "because after all I may not be Chancellor long, and if I lose the job and the flat that goes with it, where could I find another?"

Downstairs at the front door waits a glittering car, presented to the Chancellor by an enterprising American motor-car manufacturer. The same firm has presented similar cars to members of the Iron Curtain Hungarian Government, which may prove something.

The glossy car and the simple, unpretentious flat, are just a glimpse of the contradictions influencing this pocket-sized but practical-minded Austrian Chancellor, who carries on the tradition of ill-fated Dollfuss, and who is really anxious to steer his country through the choppy seas of a four-power occupation.

Sixty per cent. of his country's food needs are supplied by the Americans, all the oil his country's industry requires is monopolized by the Russians, there is an Iron Curtain going through the middle of it and the Soviet authorities say quite openly they don't like the present Austrian Government and want to get it out and replaced by another more to their political taste.

While he worries about Austria's hopes of pulling through, the British, faced with economic problems at home, are anxious to get their troops and their top-heavy Control Commission out of Austria altogether to save money.

Ask any Austrian in the street outside the Chancellor's house what he thinks about the occupation and his answer will be unprintable, unless he thinks you are a Russian, when he will be more careful in case he disappears next day.

Feels Sore

The Austrian has more than a sneaking suspicion that if American food supplies ceased tomorrow he would starve within a month, yet he cannot understand how this can be

By
ANTHONY TERRY

when Austria can produce 75 per cent. of her own food. He probably feels pretty sore about the recent currency conversion, which may have removed most of his savings, yet he realises that it had to be done.

He has stopped hoping for a State Treaty and views the interminable negotiations dragging on in London with a bored resignation. He has few relaxations in his drab life, since there is very little of gay Vienna left nowadays, except in the night clubs, to which only black market spies and foreigners can afford to go.

Walks "Tightrope"

Chancellor Figl is not keen about Vienna's night clubs. He prefers a quiet evening in

his flat with some cronies over a bottle of Austrian wine. His enemies say he is the most likeable and least capable member of the Austrian Government.

It is hardly a fair criticism, if one remembers that he walks a tricky tightrope with no-one to catch him on the Russian side if he slips. There is no doubt the Russians are watching for Gruber, the Chancellor's Foreign Minister, and for several other members of the Austrian Government. They might let Figl stay if he would toe the line. He won't. Yet his relations with Russian commander, General Kurassov, are marked by a cautious jollity, a sort of "Stop me if you've heard this one" attitude.

What the Russians are really looking for is a middle-of-the-road political figure who will bridge the gulf between the present Austrian Government and a possible neo-Communist set-up later.

There are no candidates for the job. The Russians think they have found one in the just-left-of-centre Dr. Dobretsberger, who worked in the Middle East for British information services during the war.

Dobretsberger appeals to the Russians because he would make a good liberal-minded figurehead in the transition stage to a Communist Austria. He does not think much of the idea, nor of the suggestion by the Right Wing that he should start a fourth party to rope in all the former Nazis. He wants to go back to Cairo and forget about Austria.

The Russians have two very good reasons for staying in (Continued at foot of next column)

JACK THOMAS
tells another unusual story as part of his Inquiry into Faith.

BLACK MAGIC.... It Goes On To-Day

tells another unusual story as part of his Inquiry into Faith. Black magic did not die with the witches who were burned at the stake. There is evidence that it is being practised in Britain today.

In my Inquiry into Faith I have met perhaps a score of people who, in their search for supernatural help, have been led into what the occultist calls the "Left-hand Path." In other words, they have sought the answer to their problems in ways which would horrify any decent person.

Black magic is the worship of evil, leading to horrible practices.

Delight In Evil

In previous articles I have explained that the mind has an almost incalculable power over matter. I have described how healing can be performed by those who understand and use this power rightly.

The whole of a psychiatrist's professional life is based on what scientists call "suggestion." Under hypnosis, in certain cases, patients can be cured of diseases which have defied the skill of the best practitioners.

Fundamentally, the psychiatrist still achieves his results by variations on the formula of the late Professor Coue. But if, instead of telling his patient "You are getting better and better," he said "You are going to die soon," you can imagine the damage he might cause.

There are people who delight in evil and for ages have used this same suggestive power for evil purposes. Let me give you an example as it was told to me:

Dr. Banks (that is not her real name) is a brilliant young scientist. Recently, on the eve of an important series of lectures, her voice went. Her lectures had to be cancelled.

Doctors Puzzled

Doctors were puzzled. Her throat showed no signs of organic disorder. The strange case of Dr. Banks came to the notice of a doctor who was an expert occultist.

"Can you think of someone who hates you, or is jealous of you?" he asked.

Dr. Banks shook her head. "I don't think Miss X likes me very much, but—"

That was what the occultist wanted to know. He called on Miss X, another scientist in Dr. Banks' laboratory. In a corner, he found a row of bottles. Each had a length of red wool tied tightly round its neck.

The occultist told Miss X: "I am going to smash these bottles, and there will be no repetition of this business. You understand?"

Miss X laughed.

But Dr. Banks was cured of her throat trouble.

That incident happened, not in the Middle Ages, but a few weeks ago, in an English university city. It was an instance of "sympathetic" magic. The bottle necks represented Dr. Banks' throat. The red thread symbolised the sickness the jealous Miss X was "wishing" upon her.

Dinner Party

Another story. One night the occultist attended a dinner party in Mayfair. The hostess, a beautiful girl, was pale and ill at ease. Her guests had the best dinner that rationing would permit, but she ate nothing but wheaten porridge from a wooden bowl. She was on a diet, she explained.

The occultist knew that when a person is being "overlooked," the only safe diet is said to be unsalted wheaten porridge, eaten with a wooden spoon from a wooden bowl. He asked the girl bluntly: "Who is overlooking you?"

What she told him sent him to a luxury flat near Mount Street. He will not say how he got in, but he

Austria. One because it gives them an excuse for keeping troops in the Balkans as "lines of communication." Secondly, the Russians want the oil from the Austrian oilfields at Zistersdorf, and at present they are getting it.

Communists Unpopular

The popularity of the Austrian Communist Party having completely disappeared, the Russians know they haven't an earthly chance of getting to power through the ballot box. So they are using the profits of their illegal trading company, U.S.I.V.A. which sells the products of Austrian factories, to Austria and Iron Curtain countries, to build up a gigantic communist fighting fund with which they hope to swamp the other parties when the Treaty is eventually signed and the Allies one day pull out of Austria.

This is the other side of the "cold war," the Russian long-term answer to the Marshall Plan. Without Marshall aid to put Austria back on its feet it might succeed, but being hungry the Austrians still rather naturally prefer American bread to Soviet circles.

found what he was looking for—a shimmering, long-legged satin doll, posed on a Chesterfield.

"Doll Magic"

The occultist cut it open carefully and removed a lozenge-like object from its interior. Then he waited until a key grated in the lock, and a mulatto woman entered the room. The woman paled when she saw the grimaced stranger holding the mutilated doll, but she said nothing.

The occultist said: "You will take the first available plane for the United States. You have been too long from home."

The woman took his advice. The girl recovered.

"Doll magic" as a method of murder has been practised by black magicians through the centuries. In olden times, witches made their "dolls" from black wax, with which were mixed unmentionable ingredients. They would "christen" these images with the names of their enemies, then transfuse them with nails or set them slowly to shivel at the back of a fire. And often the victim died.

The modern black magician may use a sixpenny doll. The doll is not important. It is merely a focal point on which to concentrate the full power of malignant thought directed constantly upon the victim.

Witchcraft

This power is recognised and used with deadly effect among primitive peoples. Often they get results without the use of a doll.

"Bone-pointing" is a magic used by the Australian aboriginal witch-doctors. It works like this—

If you wish to remove an enemy living hundreds of miles away you pay the witch-doctor to do it. He points a fragment of kangaroo bone in the direction of your enemy's home. Attached to the bone is a long string, held by the magician's assistant.

Nothing is done but this silent pointing. But in a few days the victim often falls sick and dies.

Why? Your guess is as good as mine—but I have seen it happen.

One night, a few of us were strolling in a trading store when an old native came in. He held a limp black snake. It was dead—you could smell it.

Died At Dawn

The old man put the snake on the floor and stroked it with a smooth, oval stone. The snake wriggled away. Hypnotism? Maybe. But suppose the old man had decided to put his powers to more malignant uses.....

Dr. E. F. Hoare, now Coroner for East Sussex, spent some years in Africa investigating the influence of witchcraft.

One day, he relates, he found a negro servant shivering with fright. "I have been cursed by the witch doctor," said the native. "I shall be dead by sunrise."

Dr. Hoare knew that the African magician is something of a medical man besides being a shrewd psychologist. It was possible, he thought, that the witchdoctor might have poisoned the man, or noticed the signs of some disease that might kill him quickly.

He gave the frightened native a thorough physical examination, and is prepared to swear that there was nothing wrong with the man. But next morning, at sunrise, the native was dead.

In Bad Hands....

It is this evil use of a natural principle which makes black magic—Satanism—a danger. Through the ages, men have condemned it. The Israelite patriarchs thundered: "Thou shalt not suffer a witcher to live." Even the gentle Buddha strongly warned his disciples against participation in the forbidden art. "Travelers' tales and legends have helped to make the magician a comic character in children's fairy-books. But remember that if a psychiatrist is able to dig down into your mind and rid you of a fear that has haunted you and upset your health since childhood, that same power, in the hands of an unprincipled person, can also be turned to evil account.

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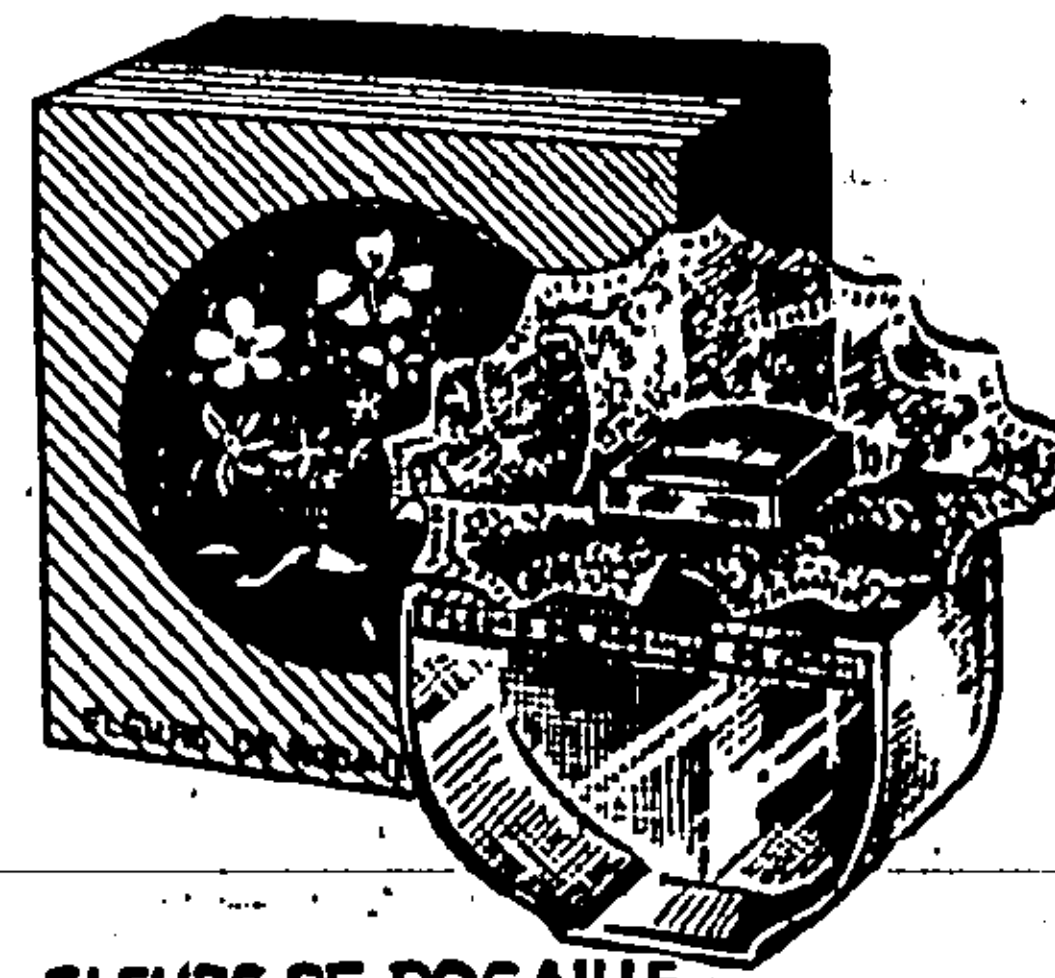
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Uruguay, Argentina Get Together

London, Feb. 27. Britain is sending two cruisers and troops to British Honduras (Central America) in a counter-move against "irresponsible elements" in neighbouring Guatemala, said to threaten to invade the colony.

The Admiralty announced today that the 9,850-ton training cruiser, "Devonshire," would leave Jamaica for Belize, capital of Honduras, tonight to join the 9,100-ton "Sheffield," flagship of Vice-Admiral Sir William Tennant, Commander-in-Chief, America and West Indies.

HMS "Devonshire" will be carrying an undisclosed number of troops. HMS "Sheffield," with 701 men on board, including a small detachment of Marines, is due to arrive at Belize at 4 p.m. local time. The "Devonshire" is expected 24 hours later.

The concentration of British naval power and troops in the 8,800 square mile colony follows a flare-up in the 80-year-old frontier dispute with Guatemala. Encouraged by the claims against British Antarctic territory by Argentina and Chile, Guatemalan "extremists" were said to be planning a landing in the British possession.

Earlier reports today suggested that "Devonshire" may be heading for British Guiana, on the South American mainland.

A Washington report last night had predicted that at the Inter-American Conference, opening at Bogota, Colombia, on March 30, Venezuela will raise claims on British Guiana at the same time as Chile, Argentina and Guatemala put forward their demands on British territories.

A Foreign Office spokesman said today that Britain had been in touch with the United States about the Argentine and Chilean claims on British Antarctic territory, but he declined to say what attitude the United States had adopted.

There have also been diplomatic exchanges between the Guatemalan authorities and the British Ministry in Guatemala City.

The first British naval move in the Western Hemisphere was announced earlier this month with the departure for the Falkland Islands of the 8,000-ton "Nigeria," one of the British's most modern cruisers. To join the sloop, HMS "Snipe," in Antarctic waters.

The 2,000-ton sloop "Sparrow" also left Jamaica this week for an "unknown destination."

Glos. Regiment

The troops on board "Devonshire" are a detachment of the 2nd Battalion of the Gloucestershire Regiment, "carrying normal equipment," the War Office stated.

The present Governor and Commander-in-Chief at Belize is Mr. Edward Hawksworth, a colonial administrator with 20 years in Africa, who relieves over the 150-year-old colony of 65,000 inhabitants with the aid of an Executive Council of seven and a Legislative Council of 13.

Guatemala, which achieved independence in 1821 originally claimed certain frontier rectifications but later extended her claims to the whole of the British colony.

A Convention laying down the frontier was subsequently declared invalid by Guatemala after a further provision, for the construction of a communication line between the two, was never put into effect.

Britain proposed in 1946 that the dispute should be submitted to the International Court at The Hague, but Guatemala rejected this.

Report Discounted

In Washington, the State Department received word from its Embassy in Guatemala City today discounting reports that Guatemala might step into British Honduras to force its territorial claims, Reuter reported.

The State Department spokesman told Reuters that its Embassy in Guatemala City describes any suggestion along such lines as "just rumours."

The possibilities of the upset in Central America are related in the minds of officials in Washington to United States interests in Panama, on which Western Hemisphere defence depended.

The British consultations with the State Department on the Falklands Dependencies are understood to have been limited to a statement of the British position and to a request for an United States expression of view.

Importance

It is conceded by American military and diplomatic officials that the "event" of the Panama Canal being put out of action in a "future war" (and the present

canal is exceedingly vulnerable to atomic attack) the Falklands would be of great importance, since they would lie along the only route which would connect the Atlantic and Pacific Fleets.

American policy at present appears to be directed to avoiding any protracted or inflammatory dispute by the Latin American nations over claims against British possessions at the Bogota Conference opening on March 30.

In Montevideo, Uruguay, well-informed quarters there believed that President Peron, of Argentina, would "sound out" Senator Luis Batlle Berdes, the President of Uruguay, about the possibilities of forming a "Continental Antarctic Front" when the two Presidents met today on board General Peron's yacht in the River Plate.

One report from the Uruguayan capital said that President Peron would tentatively offer to cede the island of Martin Garcia in the upper reaches of the River Plate, close to the Uruguayan shore, to Uruguay in exchange for Uruguay support in the Antarctic for Argentina and Chilean claims against Britain there.

Martin Garcia, to which Uruguay has always laid claim, serves Argentina as a naval prison, where President Peron was himself held for a few days in October, 1945.

The island is within sight of the yacht on which the two Presidents were meeting today. Speculation about what the two men would discuss, however, lacked confirmation from any official quarter in Montevideo.

It was reported from Buenos Aires earlier that they would discuss a trade agreement between these two governments.

—Reuter.

B.M.A. Sues Doctors

London, Feb. 27. The British Medical Association, with a membership of 50,000 doctors throughout Britain, today announced that it had issued writs for libel against four Labour doctor members of Parliament.

The writs, published in the press, had criticised the conduct of the recent plebiscite on the National Health scheme.

—Reuter.

Headache For War Office

London, Feb. 27. A decision by Lord Chief Justice Goddard today that no one who had held an emergency commission in the Army was subject to military discipline or the jurisdiction of a court-martial after release from the forces set the War Office a problem tonight.

Officials examined cases of other emergency commission officers. It is believed hundreds will be affected by the court decision.

It was understood that the whole question of officers being court-martialled after their demobilisation would now be reviewed in the light of Lord Chief Justice Goddard's decision.

The case which led to the new ruling concerned a Lancashire bank clerk, an ex-captain, who was arrested by a military policeman a year after his demobilisation, court-martialled in Germany and sentenced to two years' imprisonment.

He was charged with "conduct prejudicial to military discipline."—Reuter.

Strength Of The Navy Today

London, Feb. 27. The strength of the Royal Navy, showing the cuts in the number of battleships, cruisers, destroyers and submarines was disclosed by the Government today for the first time since 1939.

The operational strength of the Navy is:

Battleships 2, fleet carriers none, light fleet carriers 4, escort cruisers none, cruisers 16, destroyers 24, frigates 25, submarines 20, minesweepers 12.

In 1939, Britain had nine battleships, two battle-cruisers, four aircraft carriers, 26 cruisers, 70 destroyers and 39 submarines, according to the official "Return of the Fleet."

Many of the vessels now counted as operational will not, in fact, be available until later this year. The battleships "Duke of York" and "Vanguard" are due to come into operation by August or September. At present both are immobilised.

Two other battleships, "Anson"

Construction

There are no new battleships in construction. Two fleet carriers and 10 light fleet carriers are being built but only two of the four light carriers listed as operational are already available.

Of 16 operational cruisers, four will not be ready until the autumn and another not until the end of the year. Three new cruisers are under construction.

Sixteen of the 30 operational destroyers will not be in operation until later in the year. Ten new destroyers are being built. No new submarines are under construction.

Research

The Royal Navy is giving the highest priority to research and development work, the First Lord of the Admiralty, Viscount Hall, reported.

"The work of research and development, on which the Royal Navy of the future and its effectiveness will largely depend, is being pressed forward," he stated.

Japanese vessels which had, so far, been allocated to Britain were of little value. It had already been decided to scrap one destroyer six escorts, three minesweepers and three minesweepers and, in all probability, the majority of the remainder would also be scrapped.—Reuter.

World Shipping Council

Geneva, Feb. 27.

The United Nations Maritime Conference here today appointed twelve nations to be represented on the Council of the proposed new-World shipping organization.

They were divided into two categories:—

1. Six nations with the biggest interest in providing international shipping services—Britain, United States, Greece, Holland, Norway and Sweden.

2. Six with the largest

seaborne trade—Argentina, Australia, Belgium, Canada, France and India.

These 12 nations were selected for initial membership of the Council during today's voting on clauses in the constitution of the new organisation.

The constitution provides for election for representatives of four more countries by the Assembly of the new organisation.

The Panamanian delegate, Miguel Amada, declined to take part in today's session after he had failed to obtain inclusion of Panama in the Council.

—Reuter.

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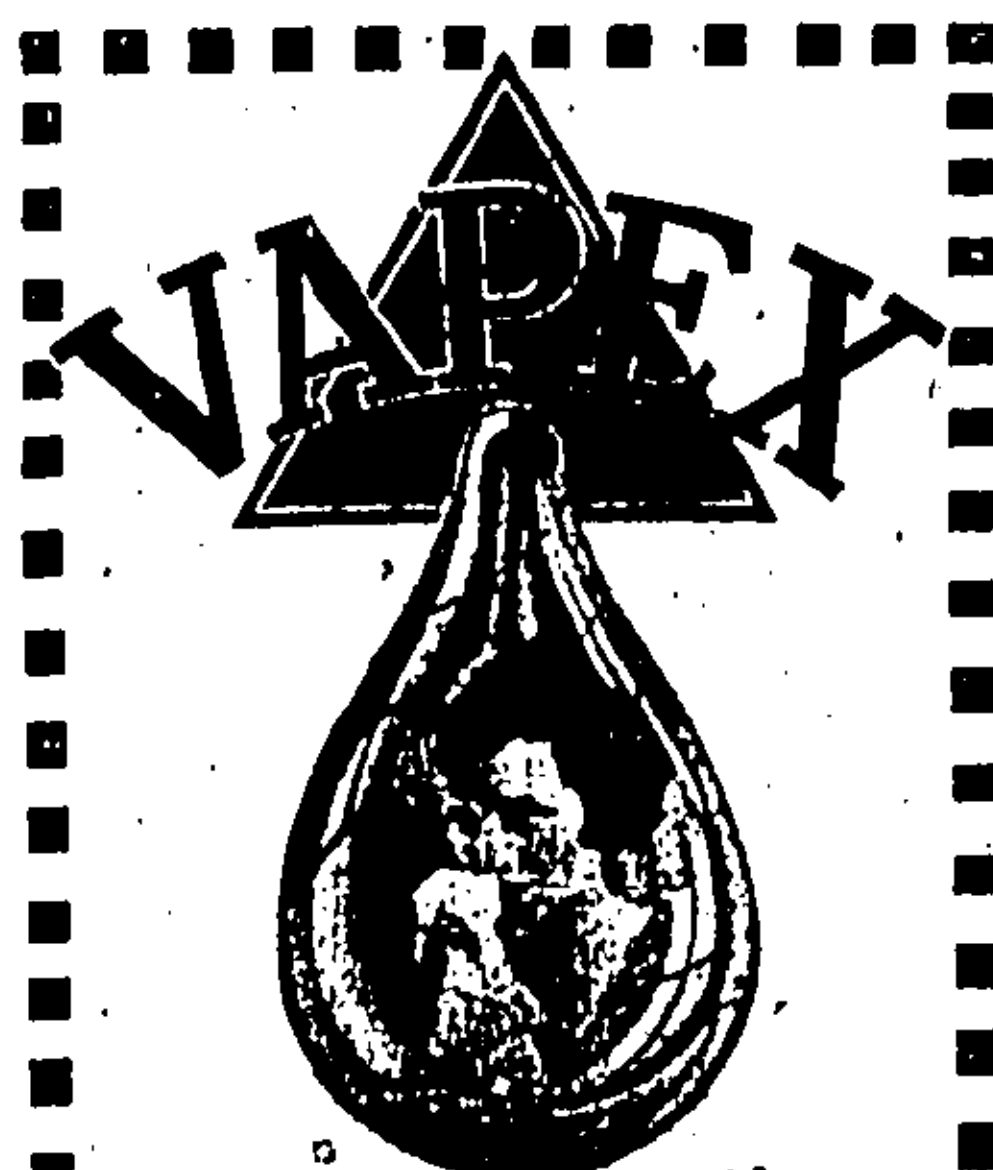
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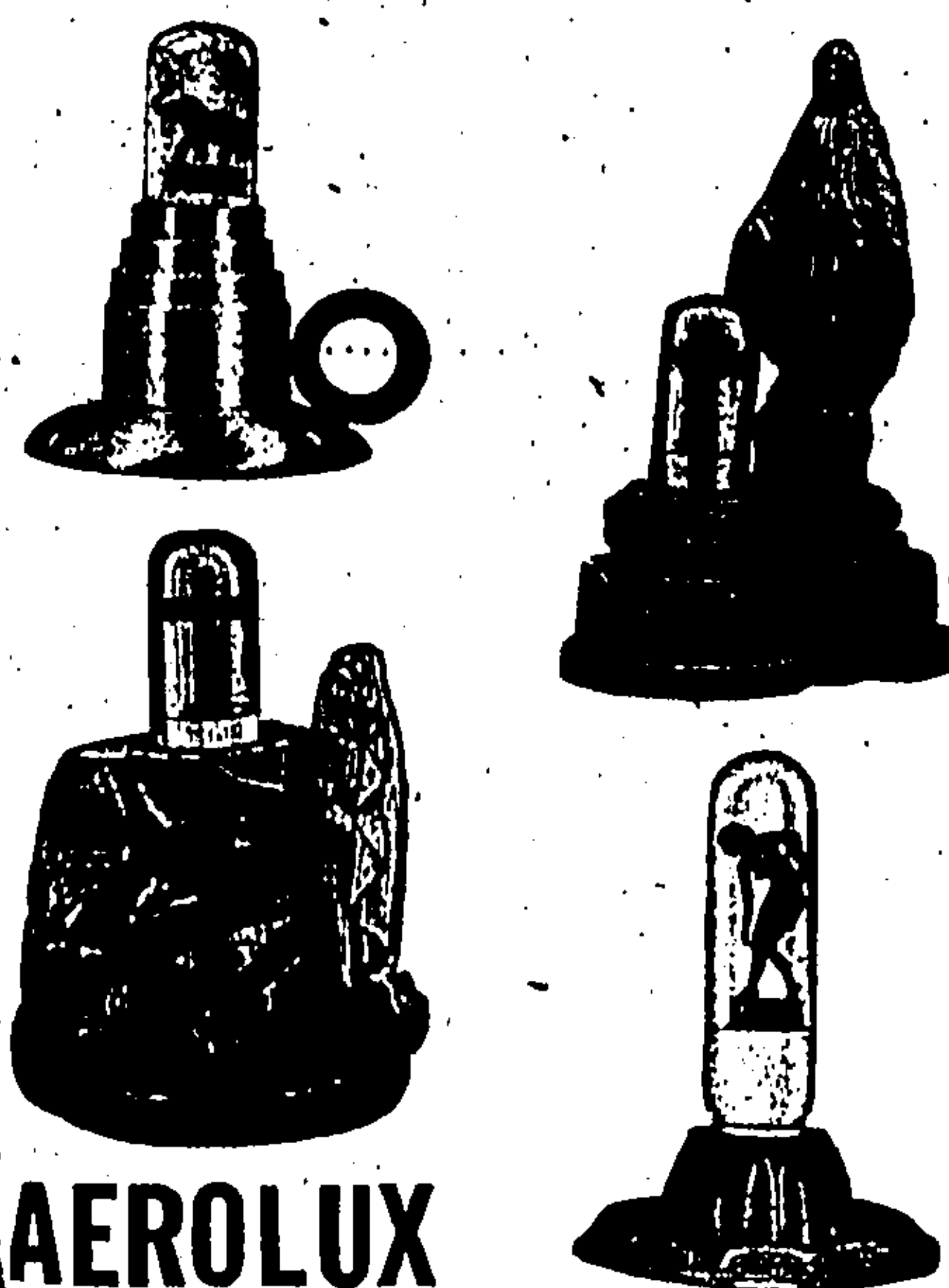
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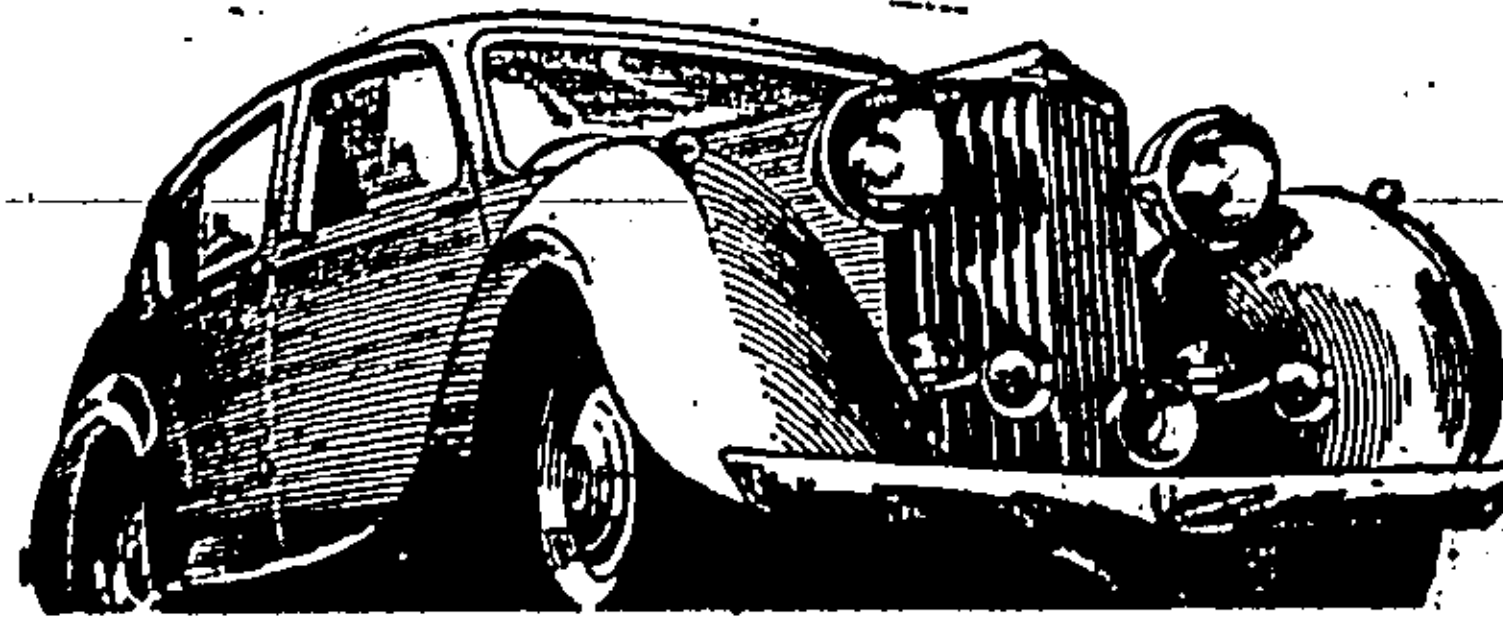


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COST OF LIVING

Hopes, if not expectations, that the Colony might begin to look forward to some alleviation in the cost of living, must apparently be further deferred.

What the over-all effect is likely to be of the 25 to 30 per cent. increase in the cost of rationed rice and flour cannot, with safety, be predicted, except in the general sense that it can bode no good and is almost certain to be reflected in prices generally.

Subsides these days are presumably out of the question, though they operated without imposing too severe a strain in BMA days, and still receive the blessing of the Labour Government in the British Isles for the general benefit, and for the express purpose of imposing checks upon inflationary tendencies. Our need is not less great.

Recently, it will have been noticed, a policy has been adopted of gradually lifting price controls in the Colony. Until a clearer picture is possible, this policy, at least, should be abandoned immediately.

Chilang Danger

During a period of no more than a few months, the Kiensing is the second coastal vessel to strand herself at Chilang Point, and her predecessor, the Hong Kheng became a total loss.

An unusual set of the tide was blamed for the Hong Kheng disaster. Explanation for the latest casualty has yet to be proffered. Whatever it may be, however, the Chinese Government cannot exclude itself from part responsibility, in view of its failure to restore the light at Chilang since the war.

By mariners using the Formosan Channel, the light at Chilang Point was regarded as one of the main navigational aids — to giving a dangerous area a wide berth. Disregard of the warning conveyed by the Hong Kheng stranding amounts, therefore, almost to culpable negligence.

Perhaps we should not worry ourselves, since both the vessels concerned were Chinese-owned, but we were under the impression that the maintenance of vital coastal lights was an international obligation in peacetime.

Third Degree

Several times recently allegations of third-degree methods have been made against the police. We have also had complaints by fixed-pitch hawkers that they have been bullied out of their positions by unlicensed hawkers, with the connivance of police.

Sometimes magistrates direct investigation to be made. Sometimes the accusation is dismissed out of hand. Occasionally, a heavier penalty is imposed to discourage the habit.

The public is not always quite as easily satisfied that the charges are entirely without substance, though doubtless there is much malice and much exaggeration.

Unfortunately, there is no watertight system of check. All of us, being human, to have police officers enquiring into alleged misdemeanours of members of their own craft, is not essentially so effective as "setting a thief to catch a thief."

Gresham's Law

The suggestion from Shanghai that two or three schemes are on foot to reform China's currency, all involving a new coinage to be introduced first in South China and to be legal tender circulating alongside the CN dollar, is not likely to impress the economic pundits.

A more fruitful field for demonstrating the infallibility of Gresham's Law, it is difficult to imagine. The Mint that could turn out silver coins fast enough does not exist.

THESE STUDENT AGITATIONS

By H.G.W. Woodhead, CBE

The problem of dealing with China's unruly students really dates from 1919 when the Peking students first mobilised themselves to protest against China's signing the Versailles Treaty. As described by the late "Putnam Weekly":

"In 1919 Chinese students marched on to the national stage, and suddenly assumed a character which no one had hitherto suspected during the period when the Paris Peace Conference was sitting, by proceeding in columns of four, with banners flying, and setting fire to the residence of a Cabinet Minister who had been guilty of making unpopular loans to Japan. The crowds of rabble they attracted, and the immense sensation produced by this, gave them an inkling of their power. The national approval they won certainly confirmed them in their determination to prosecute a policy of direct action."

The Peking students were joined by student bodies throughout the country, and the agitation they conducted became so violent that the Chinese Government yielded to their clamour, and instructed its Delegation at Versailles not to sign the Peace Treaty.

Misgivings

No-one questioned the patriotic motives underlying this original agitation, though even then some critics felt misgivings as to the wisdom of student bodies continuing to interfere in foreign and domestic politics. To quote the same writer again:

"In Peking alone there are more than forty colleges and higher schools, with no fewer than 20,000 students. A scheme has been worked out whereby these youths can be mobilized overnight, filling the streets with endless marching columns, which are concentrated at certain points, and alarming the population with their savage cries. That it will be necessary to remove every institution of higher learning far out into the country, as a police measure, is now admitted. No Government can carry on its work when student are used as a screen behind which to menace the administration."

Their initial success caused the students to regard themselves as "untouchables" so far as the Police and Military were concerned, and when, a year or so later, a student demonstration attempted to storm the Tientsin Military Governor's mansion, and was fired upon, they received a very rude shock. They quietened down for a period, but in 1925 were at it again, as a result of an attempt to enforce discipline by a new Minister of Education. They usually chose a so-called "humiliation day" for their rioting, and on this occasion they selected the anniversary of the Japanese ultimatum issued to the Twenty One Demands.

A Ferment

Foiled in an attempt to force their way into the Winter Palace they proceeded to the new Minister's residence, which they wrecked, though only after a serious conflict with the police, in which they suffered a number of casualties. From then on the student bodies throughout China were in a ferment. It was Shanghai students who organized the May 30th demonstration which culminated in an attack upon Louza Police Station, and orders to the Municipal Police to fire. What followed is a matter of history — a general strike in Shanghai, the Shakes incident at Canton, and, until the late General Chang Tso-lin adopted stern measures,

almost daily anti-British parades in the Capital.

In succeeding years there were numerous incidents in which student agitators figured. When they attacked official residences or offices they usually encountered resistance. But little effort was made to repress anti-foreign demonstrations or activities. It was the Shanghai students' anti-Japanese activities, including their lawless methods of enforcing the boycott, that were the main factor in leading to Sino-Japanese hostilities. In that area in January-May, 1931. At this period they virtually succeeded in making government impossible. Students from various parts of the country descended upon Nanking, clamouring for war with Japan. A few days after the Mukden incident they invaded the Waikow (Foreign Office) and savagely assaulted the then Foreign Minister, Dr. C. T. Wang. A fortnight later Peking students again attacked the Waikow and Party Headquarters, seriously wounding Mr. Tsai Yuan-pai, and General Chen Ming-ch'u, and also wrecking the printing plant of the Central Daily News. Conflicts then did authority take serious action. All visiting student agitators were round up, and escorted back to their respective places by armed guards.

New Agitation

After another period of relative quiet, the students, at the end of 1935 started another nationwide agitation against the so-called "autonomy" of the Northern provinces. Conflicts with the Police were of frequent occurrence, and once again the Government was forced to take strong action to restore order.

The student agitation was temporarily halted by the wholesale destruction of Chinese higher educational institutions by the Japanese in 1937. Among the Universities destroyed were Nankai University, the National Central University at Nanking, and Tsinghua University at Peking. And as the Japanese invasion spread more and more educational institutions were destroyed, looted or closed down. I believe that Tsinghua University, founded with American funds, and until recently, was used as barracks and stables by the Japanese military.

San Min Chu I

In 1938 the Kuomintang attempted to canalize student activities by the establishment of the San Min Chu I Youth Corps, which became one of the Government's pet organizations. Had it been run on Boy Scout lines this movement might have proved of permanent benefit to the rising Chinese generation. Instead it approximated more closely to the Hitler Youth Corps, and resulted in the creation of a privileged class of students, intensely indoctrinated with Kuomintang ideology, which inevitably became so arrogant and intolerant that it interfered seriously with all forms of liberal education. The benefits that should have accrued from the epic trek of the coastal universities and colleges into the interior, in order that studies might be continued free of Japanese interference, was to a considerable extent offset by the subordination of members of their faculties to the whims and demands of this Youth Corps. Members of university faculties were threatened or intimidated by members of this organization, and often found themselves employed if they did not conform to its ideas as to ideological teaching, or standards of examinations.

Since the return of the students to their parent institutions there

has been a serious revival of subversive activities. There is evidence that this has been partly due to Communist infiltration. But the students have had serious grievances. Standards of tuition and equipment have fallen off, the cost of living and of tuition has become prohibitively expensive, and furthermore, there has been little scope for an adequate livelihood of young men and women who have stayed the course, and qualified for some particular profession or occupation.

Shanghai Scenes

Shanghai has been the scene of a number of student demonstrations since V-J Day, some of them bearing all the characteristics of gross ingratitude as when they organized anti-American parades a year or so ago. Recently the Mayor of Shanghai was assaulted when attempting to deal with insubordination in the National Tung Chi University, and a huge anti-British demonstration was organized in connection with the Kowloon City incident, about the merits of which the agitators probably knew exactly nothing. The students were, fortunately, prevented from getting into the compound of the British Consulate General, though they clamoured for the hauling down of the British flag, and the substitution of the Chinese emblem. A humorous touch was lent to this demonstration — which cost the owners of buildings which were plastered with painted slogans large sums of money for their erasure — when an American correspondent, whose car was being decorated with slogans reading "Down with British Imperialism" mildly protested that he was an American. "I'm sorry" said one of the demonstrators, and forthwith he and his friends pasted another sign on the rear door of the car, reading "Down with British Imperialism and the U.S.A." Coming nearer Hongkong, uniformed students, including members of the San Min Chu I Youth Corps, were the chief participants in the Shamen outrage of January 16. My information is that heads of local Colleges were ordered to instruct their students to take part in the demonstration. As how this appears to be another example of official complicity where an anti-foreign agitation was involved.

Minister's Warning

During the current week the Minister of Education has issued a warning that any recurrence of student unrest may bring about the closing down of those educational institutions failing to maintain proper discipline. It is to be hoped that this is not merely an empty threat. On the other hand the state of many of China's institutions of higher learning is, today, so deplorable that students can hardly be expected to be other than restless. They see 70 to 80 per cent. of the national revenues being wasted on a futile civil war, while only a minute fraction of the national income is earmarked for education. Insubordination leading to domestic or external complications is to be deprecated. But the growth of a healthy student body cannot be looked for until its claims to efficient tuition, and adequate housing and diet have been met. At present China's Universities and Colleges are breeding grounds of discontent and subversive activities. They are likely to remain so as long as members of their faculties are paid starvation salaries, and progressive inflation makes it well-nigh impossible for most students to make ends meet.

End This Procrastination!

When Mr. Bevin announced his policy the promotion of closer unity in Western Europe, it was both here and abroad very warmly approved by all except the agents and "fellow-travellers" of Soviet Russia. Such a success deserved to be promptly followed up; but over three weeks have elapsed since the Foreign Secretary spoke, and nothing visible has been done beyond Mr. McNell's visit to the Benelux Governments. Diplomacy, of course, often works best when least advertised. But there are certain quite necessary preliminary tasks which cannot be discharged unseen and at present obviously hang fire.

The most important of these is to clear up the mess in Western Germany. There can be no economic recovery of civilised Europe unless Western Germany is there to play her essential part in it. The ingredients in the European problem are not so miscellaneous as talk about the "sixteen nations" may sometimes suggest. Outside the Iron curtain there are only four great units. They are Britain (with Northern Ireland), France, Western Germany and Italy. Each has over forty millions population; and it is no disparagement of the smaller nations (several of them with an importance much exceeding their size) to recognise that these four are fundamental.

No Question

Great Britain is the most populous of them, and has suffered least loss of industrial equipment. But there can be no question of her filling Germany's place. In spite of Germany's bombed cities, her Ruhr coalfield and her large reserves of skilled, disciplined industrial workers are continuing assets, on which it is vital that Europe should again draw. Moreover the main industries in which she so long excelled, and which under a more enlightened control she could quickly revive — coal, steel, metallurgy, machinery, chemicals and electrical appliances — are precisely the parent industries in a modern economy. They are those for whose products all her neighbours have been accustomed to depend on her, in order to sustain their own production. It goes without saying that this dependence must not be allowed again to become subjection, and that German industry must never be permitted to revive as a war potential for German militarism. But those are dangers to which our French, Belgian and Dutch friends may rest assured that both Britain and America are fully alive. The problem at present is not to prevent German revival from becoming dangerous. It is to procure any revival at all. We never can until we restore certain of the essentials of civilised life of which at present we keep Germany deprived.

New Currency

The most important is a currency. The fundamental reason why German industry remains stagnant, why German shops do not re-open, why such shops as there are proceed largely by way of barter, is that there is no currency. We used to learn at school that money was one of mankind's earliest and most

beneficent inventions in a dispensable for any civilised life. Well, the Germans in today virtually debarrd from it. They have the mark, of course, but nobody believes in it, and it has no real value. It is employed as a token to buy rationed goods, but people never really want to sell anything for it. Thus all the ordinary incentives to work, to produce, to start enterprises, to serve the community, scarcely exist.

Much of the expense to which the Allies are put in order to feed Germany has been due to this. Shortages arise because Germany's supplies of home-produced food are less than they should be. But what else can you expect, when the farmers and peasants are told to sell their hard-won produce for a currency which has no value? Dr. Schlange-Schöeninger, the German director for food and agriculture under the Anglo-American Administration, exhibited that aspect of the problem in a very temperate but convincing letter to a London newspaper recently. He pointed out that the position in regard to currency is now even worse than hitherto. For the Allies have announced their intention of reforming the currency, but have not reformed it; and pending their action the mark is of less account than ever. Incidentally that illustrates how in their bent for procrastination our statesmen have forgotten the rudiments of currency policy. You should never fore-shadow a monetary change until you are ready to put it through.

Failing the civilised way of obtaining produce from producers — i.e., by paying for it in a currency which they value — the Administration has been driven to an elaborate system of coercion with pains and penalties. It is an old-world method, cruel, inefficient and unworthy of up-to-date peoples like the British and Americans; and they have imposed the disgraceful responsibility for carrying it out upon German officials. But there again Dr. Schlange-Schöeninger showed pretty convincingly that the officials are not given powers equivalent to their responsibilities, which they cannot in fact effectively discharge. As with currency, so with administration: the Allies shirk a full answer to the question of what powers are to be entrusted to Germans in Germany. Their statesmanship still lives on makeshifts and postpones decisive steps.

Three Points

Apart from our own convenience and economy, what are the three main considerations that may affect our dealing with the German problem? First, the repercussion on the Germans themselves; secondly, the repercussion on Germany's Western neighbours; and, thirdly, the repercussion on Russia. The first is put first here because whether or not we achieve what is sometimes called the re-education of Germany — that is, whether or not for the future the forty million Germans in the Western Zones can be brought round to see eye to eye with the rest of the democratic and peace-loving West — may well prove decisive for the world's fate. The occupation gave us a great opportunity. As yet we have made all too little of it. It still looks doubtful whether Mr. Bevin quite appreciates its overriding importance.

Second comes the very special claim which France and the Benelux countries have on our consideration here. Smashing as they still do under the yoke of war's injuries, we must not be discouraged if their attitude at times seems overindulgent. So far as we can we should always labour to carry them with us in our main decisions. It seems clearly wrong that so important a one as that to enlarge the German Economic Council, and extend its powers should have been taken without consulting any of them.

Russia's Claim

Thirdly comes the claim of Russia — the only one of the three which Mr. Bevin has always fully met. For her sake it is that time, and again she has postponed decisions most urgent on every other ground; indeed that is why he still delays a solution of the vital currency problem. It is time that here he should show more realism. Russia does not want us to make a success of the Western Zones. On the contrary she strains every nerve that we should take there, and it will still try to meet her wishes we shall fall there. But for the reasons given above we cannot afford to, and it is time we altered our course accordingly.

John Costello--Odd Man In

John Aloysius Costello never carried a gun for the freedom of Ireland. Yet today his gentle, nervous tongue has united six warring Eire party groups under his own leadership.

He is to be Premier of Eire — first man to unseat astute Eamon de Valera, whose ascetic face will now regard him watchfully from the Opposition side of the Dail (Eire's House of Parliament).

For £200 a week as Prime Minister he will undertake the complex task of steering the first Coalition Government ever to be set up in Eire's mixed and stormy political history.

This man, whose personal appeal has been able to make the hot-spoken politicians of six widely differing Irish parties all down with a single purpose, is not a ranting orator of noisy magnetism.

He talks quietly, learnedly, twitting at his bow tie with some apparent inward anxiety, but his meaning is implied clear. "Fishesmen know that he is making sacrifices, so accept the leadership thrust upon him by the united wish of the former Opposition groups in the Dail."

who have now been persuaded to combine in thrusting Mr. de Valera out of the office he has held for 16 broken years.

For to Mr. Costello the £3,000-a-week premiership is worth probably less than half the money he has been making over the past decade in Dublin as the second highest paid lawyer in the land.

He is 56 years old, grey-haired, carries his 5 ft. 8 in. with the quick, engrossed stride of a busy intellectual.

Handicap 15 at golf, he is captain of Portmarnock Golf Club, County Dublin — the St. Andrew's of Ireland.

But not since the age of 31 has Mr. Costello had much time to devote to his golfing handicap. He is the son of a farmer, and his father was a member of the Dail's city council.

the three-figure brief class, where he was remanded ever since.

But even outside the direct cockpit of politics John Costello became a thorn to the reigning party.

Man of Freedom

He championed the cause of Eire's parents who, disagreeing with the principles of the recent Education Act, under which their children were to be taught compulsory Gaelic, had sent their sons and daughters journeying across the border to the English-speaking schools of Northern Ireland.

In the Supreme Court of Eire, battling against Irish advocates whose mother tongue was a heritage of almost fanatic trust, John Costello won for all the parents of Eire the right to decide where their children should be educated and what language they should speak in childhood without compulsion by the State.

Man Big Enough?

He has close sympathies with Britain. His father was a British Civil Servant and for ten years a member of Dublin's city council.

definite Conservative inclinations and believes Eire should associate actively with Britain and the Commonwealth. In his place as front Bench member of the Fine Gael Party for the past 12 years this policy has recurred repeatedly in his speeches.

But the Irish roots are deep too — his first schooling was with the Christian Brothers, he matured in the fervent cloisters of the National University of Ireland, and the six long-separated factions of Irish politics now uniting under his leadership believe that in quiet John Costello they have found a man big enough to reach both to the top of Eire's home problems but also to her delicate relationships overseas.

J. H. MURDOCH.

TOC H CONCERT

A concert of recorded music will be presented by Messrs. E. Verge, R.N. at Talbot House (2nd Fl.), 50 Macdonnell Road, Hong Kong this evening. The programme will include: Overture "Marriage of Figaro" — Mozart, Brandenburg Concerto No. 1 — Bach, Concerto in E minor — Mendelssohn, Fantasia on a Theme by Thomas Tallis — Vaughan Williams, Symphony No. 1 in C minor — Brahms.

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BEHIND THE IRON CURTAIN

*In This Illuminating Story
From Stockholm,
RALPH HEWINS Invites
A Glance At Estonia*

A ray of eerie light has recently pierced the darkness which has shrouded the forgotten little land of Estonia ever since it was "liberated" by the Red Army in 1944.

The tale which is as grim as any that has come from behind the Iron Curtain, is told by refugees reaching this pleasant oasis of peace and plenty, Sweden.

The refugees' stories pieced together leave serious doubt whether Estonia will ever again revive as a distinct racial or geographical unit, apart from the paper forms on which the constitutions of the sixteen Soviet republics are written.

Estonia's population of 1,800,000 has been reduced by half.

Lucky Few

Thirty-five thousand have fled for their lives to Sweden in small boats (many of which have gone to the bottom in Baltic storms), and are now eking out a precarious existence as lumberjacks or farm labourers here—not knowing from day to day whether they will be extradited as so-called "Soviet citizens" to Siberia, as has already happened to many of them.

Only a few dozen have got to the promised land, America—some of them in open sailing boats. Fewer still have secured British or American visas legitimately.

The luckiest ones are the 700 Swedish-Estonians who settled in Estonian islands three hundred years ago and speak a Swedish dialect. This group, of which only 300 have elected to stay behind under Soviet rule, has been granted Swedish citizenship.

Nobody on this side of the Iron Curtain knows exactly how many Estonians have been deported to Siberia. The lowest estimate is 60,000.

These people are mostly intellectuals, "bourgeois" or Social-Democratic individuals, who are anathema to the N.K.V.D. in all Iron Curtain countries.

Split Families

The technique has usually been to arrest such families at night, separate them into flocks of men, women and children, and herd them on to separate trains bound for areas of the Soviet Union as far apart as Murmansk, Kirghizstan and the Far East.

Seldom do members of one deported family ever hear of each other again.

Tens of thousands of Estonians still linger in D.P. camps in Western Germany, only a comparatively few lucky ones, such as the 200 Baltic women who reached Britain as servants for institutions last year, having found employment in the free world.

Return to the apology of what was once their own native land they dare not. Even a D.P. camp is better than Siberia.

Thousands more Estonians are still living Robin Hood lives in the great forests, along the old Russian border.

Many die of privation or are shot like wolves by N.K.V.D. guards, but there are always fresh recruits from the impoverished, fear-ridden towns.

War casualties account for the rest of the depopulation.

Yet somehow life goes on in Estonia. And what a life!

Military Aims

Fishermen who used to conduct one of Estonia's main industries along the coast of the Finnish Gulf can now do so only with special permission from indifferent bureaucratic authorities, either Soviet or native Communist. In harbour the fishermen are under military arrest.

One reason for these restrictions is that the Russians are pressing ahead with the construction of an arterial military road from Tallinn (the capital) to Narva and Leningrad.

Military garrisons are also being steadily increased, not only along the coast and its islands but inland in the larger Estonian towns. These military works absorb much local manpower, which operates under concentration camp conditions.

The plague of the whole land is the swarm of so-called "canvasbaggers" who come with sacks on foraging expeditions from Leningrad, Pskov and other Russian cities to plunder Estonia—mainly for food.

The "canvasbaggers" come over the ice from Russia proper and through the forests or by any other underground means to evade the frontier guards. (No citizen of one Soviet republic may pass freely over the border into another republic).

Bread scavenged in Estonia fetches twice the price in Leningrad that would normally be paid in its place of origin in the Baltic States. Consequently Estonia, which used to export thousands of tons of butter to Britain and was one of the best-fed countries in Europe, is reduced to the near-starvation level of most of towns in the U.S.S.R.

Despite their own hardships, Estonians are far from tempted to try to better themselves in their great new "fosterland."

For one thing Estonians are not Slavs like the Russians, but belong to the strange Finno-Ugrian race, like the Finns, Hungarians and certain Turks.

Unimpressed

For another the Estonians are not encouraged by what they see has happened to their few countrymen who have returned from Russia.

Estonian youths are interned in a forced labour camp in the Urals. Young Estonian women, who used to be renowned for their beauty and intelligence, are spread over factories and coal mines in the Urals and Siberia.

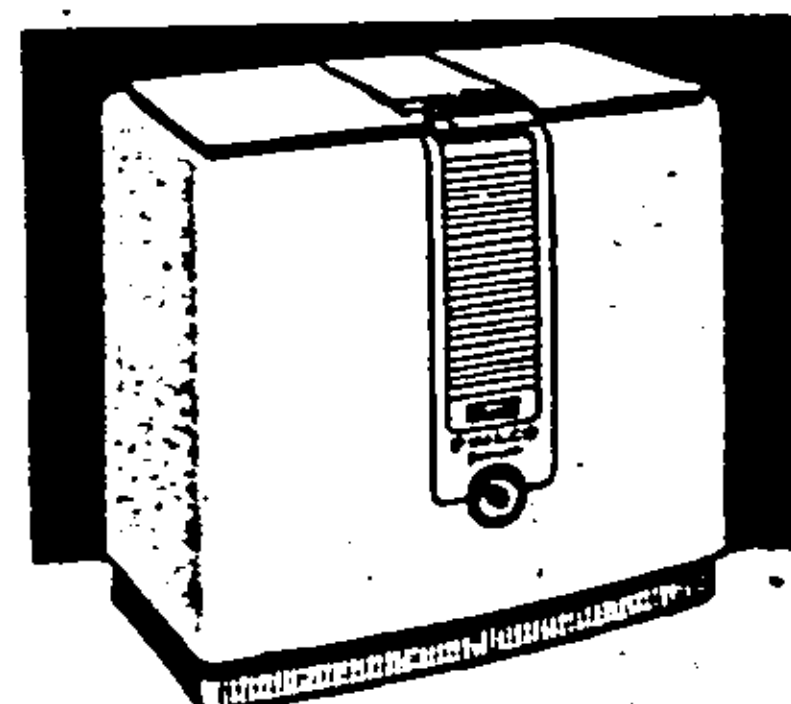
The Soviet objects in their treatment of Estonia appear to be:



Many people remember these Estonian refugees who put in at Aberdeen in the summer of 1946.

- (a) To liquidate an inconveniently stubborn and sophisticated nation near Russia's second city, Leningrad.
- (b) To establish an impregnable military base along the classical strategic route from Northern Germany to Leningrad.
- (c) To place armed forces in convenient jumping-off grounds opposite Finland in case there should be trouble across the Gulf of Finland.
- (d) To seal the Gulf of Finland militarily against any attack through Scandinavia against Northern Russia in some future world conflict.
- (e) To put Communist dogma into practice in Estonia while the rest of the world is too preoccupied with its own troubles to pay much attention. The N.K.V.D. and the Red Army, assisted by a typical small group of Soviet-trained Estonian Communists, are the agents for these tasks. Such is their ruthlessness that I should think the Estonians have had the roughest deal (after the Jews) of any race in Europe.

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Lane Norcott

Offenden, Kent.

The mysterious official who so persistently denies that Dainty Dr. Summerhill is his Aunt Edith ("It is not a relationship that one would easily forget," he told reporters) arrived here recently in a special train that had once belonged to Queen Victoria.

When asked by an elderly member of the Corridor-Squatters' League why it was necessary for him to travel in such a fashion, he said: "It is vitally important in these perilous days that all classes of the community should save petrol."

In a spirited address to a chilled group of season-ticket holders who had been standing on the windswept Up-platform for three-quarters of an hour, waiting for the 8.36, he said:

"Let all those who hope to be permitted to travel on our glorious British Railways for their own selfish ends take heed of their conduct. Let them wisely cease their insensate demands for adequate seating accommodation and other undemocratic luxuries, for the days of demanding are gone for ever. Meekness, submission, obedience in all things—these are the keynotes of the modern era, and woe betide all who forget it! They shall be drafted without compunction!"

So saying, the mysterious official got back into his special train, which immediately left the station on a cleared line, to enable him to keep an urgent secret appointment with the Minister for Compulsion.

Q.—Last Friday I was walking down Bond-street when a man popped up out of a manhole and grabbed me by the ankle. He asked me if I was wearing American stockings, and, if so, could I prove that they were a genuine gift. Was he entitled to do this?

A.—Probably.

Q.—I am a 2ft. 3in. midget, aged 47, and wish to become gainfully employed on work of national importance. Can you suggest a suitable occupation for so tiny a person as myself?

A.—Why not become a knee-cap tapper for the Treasury on Dover Marine Station?

Q.—I am 17 years old and the eldest of a family of eight. While rummaging in the kitchen cupboard the other day I found a curious circlet made of crinkled paper, rather like a large napkin ring to look at. My brother says it is a utility garter made during the 1914 war, but I'm sure he's wrong, because I can't get it over my foot. Can you tell me what it is?

A.—It is a ham frill.

Q.—Is it true what my Aunt Mabel says—that everybody must go to bed when the B.B.C. announcer says "Good-night" at 11 o'clock?

A.—No, it is not true. At least it is not true at the time of writing.

Q.—I have received a letter from my son who is down on his uppers in Mexico City and wants to borrow a few bob. Unfortunately, I am down on my uppers too because I put my war-savings in a small petrol-filling station, now derelict. May I raffle a Post-war Credit for £3 5s 4d, which I have been keeping for sentimental reasons, and send him the proceeds?

A.—No.

Q.—I have a front-door bell which is worked by a dry battery. Is it illegal to ring it during electricity cuts?

A.—Probably. Otherwise how can we all suffer alike?

Q.—I have fallen desperately in love with a tram conductor, who is one of the handsomest men I have ever seen. A girl friend now tells me that he is unhappily married and has seven children, two of them black. Ought I to cut him out of my life and catch another tram in the morning?

A.—Is that the spirit that has made our great country what it is today? Denounce his wife as a glue-boarder!

NEWS QUIZ

1. A submarine of the British Pacific Fleet which has been paying a visit to Australia spent a night this week on a reef off the Queensland coast. What submarine was it?

2. A famous shopping centre was this week devastated by an explosion which has reportedly killed over 50 and injured 300 others. What street is it, and where?

3. A fully-equipped ambulance was formally presented to the St. John's Ambulance Brigade this week at a ceremony at Murray parade ground. Who donated the ambulance?

4. Lord Horder was slightly injured in an accident near Portsmouth this week. What position does Lord Horder hold?

5. The President of the Board of Trade (who is to be pitied) announced that he "had signed 14 orders to assure that there would be no provocative increase in prices or profits that would strengthen demands for increased wages." Who is the President of the Board of Trade?

6. A report published by the Admiralty this week deals with "the most disastrous naval battle of World War II." What is this battle?

(Answers in Page 2)

GENERAL KNOWLEDGE

1. The last word in most well-bred dictionaries is Zymurgy. Like most of the other "ugies", it deals with a branch of applied chemistry. What branch is it?

2. You know, of course, that "feline" means catty, and there are several other animal likenesses which are applied to poor humans. Do you know the everyday equivalents of:

Vulpine, lupine, ursine and ovine?

3. Dame Nellie Melba was borne in Melbourne, Australia, in 1861. Melba, however, was not her real name. Do you know what that was?

4. Can you correct the spelling of the following words: acknowledgments, biased, discrete, ecstasy, exhilarate, grievous, harass, iridescent.

5. The leopard cannot change his spots, but nor can a jaguar, for that matter. If you ever got close enough to be interested, could you tell which was which by looking at the pattern of their coats?

6. Can you name two very famous composers who wrote music with the title "Don Juan"?

7. Mathematicians only need apply: What number can be increased by three and divided by two, and the result will be twice the original number?

(Answers in Page 4)

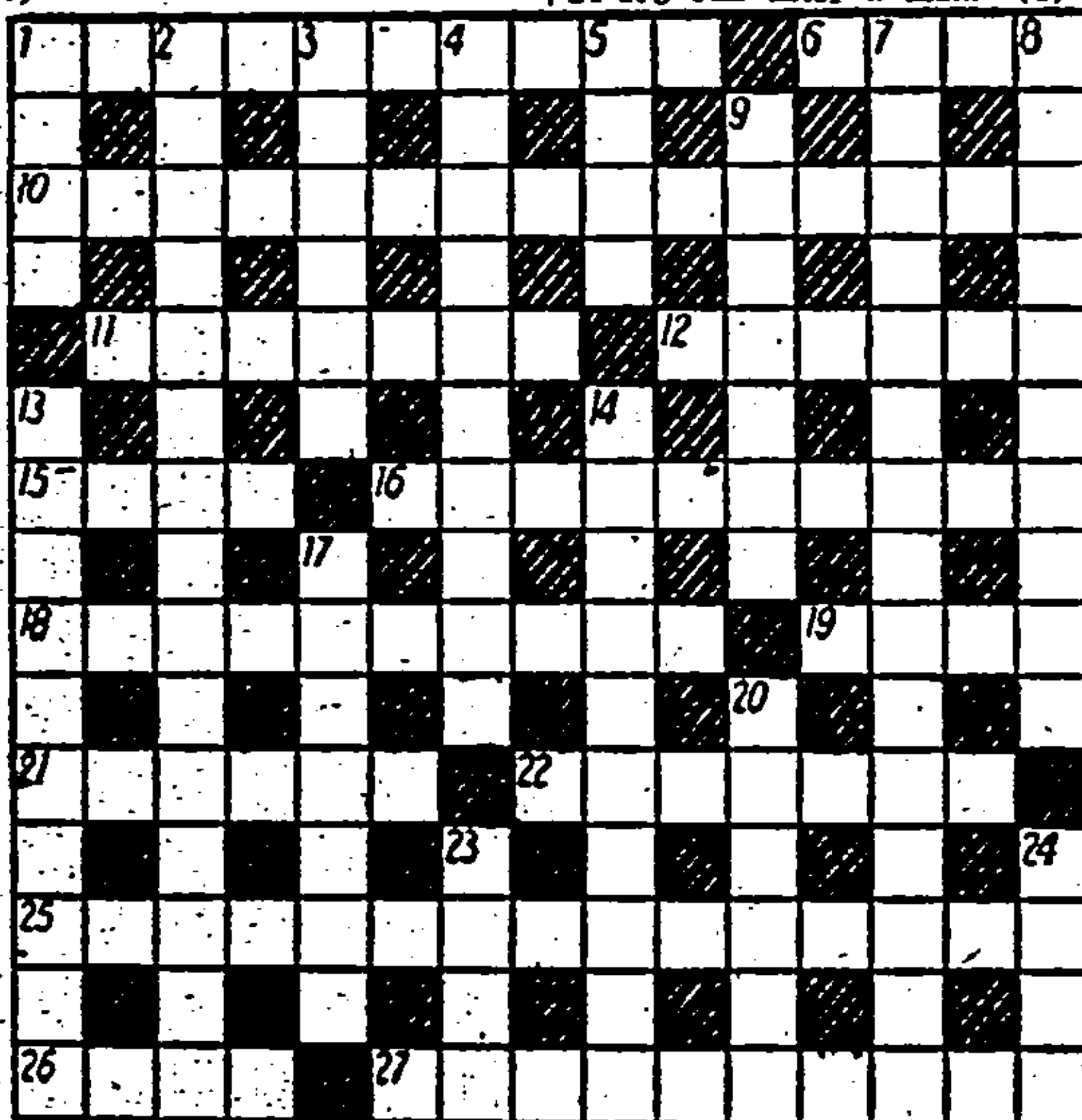
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ACROSS

- 1 It is shot out of the trap, and shot. (4, 6)
- 6 A blow that takes friends aback. (4)
- 10 Yet it doesn't promise to be a very elegant time. (4, 4, 2, 5)
- 11 Acting in this has always some hidden meaning. (7)
- 12 Watershed mentioned in Parliament. (6)
- 15 "A folled circuitous wanderer," M. Arnold calls this river, but it might be a mud aria also. (4)
- 16 Vanished source of the oculist's income. (3, 2, 5)
- 18 Saving town in U.S.A. (10)
- 19 Mars's mother. (4)
- 21 Red Indian who takes the pledge. (6)
- 22 Just shut up. (7)
- 25 The horse, that is, certainly doesn't bring off a good double. (3, 2, 3, 7)
- 26 This stone provides roofing to a man. (4)
- 27 Revealed perhaps, but not pictured. (10)

DOWN

- 1 He is famous as a censor. (4)
- 2 A skate on the ice, perhaps. (1, 4, 3, 2, 5)
- 3 The losers, proverbially. (6)
- 4 Splendid fists for foreign princes. (5, 5)
- 5 Sequel to "Typee." (4)
- 7 Not necessarily the first to be asked. (7, 8)
- 8 Never point in the bar. (10)
- 9 Use gilt, but the result is far from attractive. (7)
- 13 They take the first course. (4, 6)
- 14 Such circles have no point of contact. (10)
- 17 The actor's interval of leisure? (4, 3)
- 20 Even such a look may score. (6)
- 23 Famous stage robber's central feature. (4)
- 24 It's run after a man. (4)



SOLUTION TO No. 44.—Across: 1 Picture frames, 10 Dreamland, 11 Olden, 12 Metal, 13 Hold forth, 14 Camp bed, 16 Rations, 18 Portray, 20 Essenes, 22 Electoral, 24 Poker, 26 Timor, 27 Morse Code, 28 Announcements.

Down: 2 Inept, 3 Temple Bar, 4 Reached, 5 Fiddler, 6 Aloof, 7 Eider-down, 8 Adamic, 9 Inches, 15 Marked man, 17 Test piece, 18 Plenty, 19 Yardman, 20 Enlarge, 21 Sorter, 23 Torso, 25 Knout.



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BRIDGE

That there is no stop bid "except possibly a loud or trembling pass" is one bridge principle. That "practically the entire structure of partnership language and bidding" is based on economy of bids is another. The statement is accurate, too, that "eighty per cent. of bidding revolves around" approach tactics. Preference is given in most cases to the bid of one in a suit (the lower-ranking the better) and only exceptionally to the bid of One No-trump or to a pre-emptive bid.

Here is an example given of how bids can be wasted by not anticipating the slower approach way:

West	East
S.—A Q J x	S.—10 x
H.—x	H.—A Q 9 x
D.—A Q x x	D.—10 x x
C.—J 9 8 x	C.—K Q x x

Typical wasteful bidding is: West, One Spade; East, Two Hearts; West, Three Diamonds; East, Four Clubs; Well? Whereas "orderly bidding" should proceed as follows: West, One Diamond; East, One Heart; West, One Spade; East, Two Clubs; West, Three Clubs; East, Three No-trumps.

The latest Culbertson contains informative discussions of all the bidding situations which have for years past been standardised by American experts.

Unfortunately the valuation on which these discussions are based is "honour tricks." Throughout the whole period of Contract Bridge this column has advocated the counting of playing tricks from the start. After all, the things actually taken are tricks. Why not then count these as all experts do (subconsciously if not consciously). They can be counted as winners (or losers) in a hand and bids can be based on these winners. The winners materialise as actual tricks when a fit in the two hands is found.

It is a pity that such an encyclopaedia of Bridge—far too elaborate for the ordinary English reader—should be based on faulty valuation. Nothing can be simpler than counting winners. No tax is imposed on the memory. On the other hand it is perfectly hopeless to expect any bidder to remember the exact number of honour tricks required for every bidding situation.



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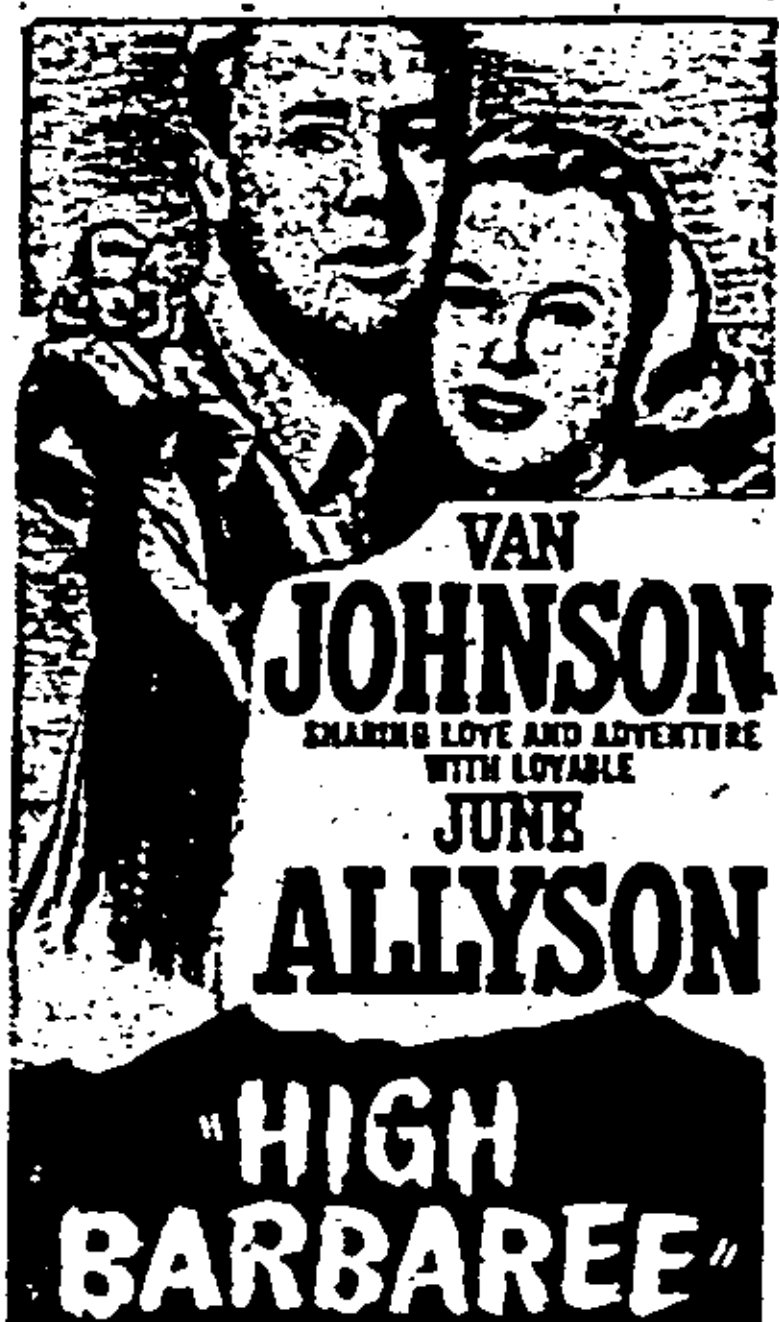
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Talking about Films

New Era for British Films

By J. Arthur Rank

We are on the threshold of a new era for British films. With much accomplished but with sterner tasks than ever waiting to be tackled, the industry in this country must decide during the next few months how quickly we shall move from present difficulties to new achievements.

When the war came it seemed that Britain's film industry might well become the first victim. Instead it emerged stronger than ever before, triumphing over the shortages of manpower, materials, studio space, as well as the day-to-day war-time anxieties. It triumphed largely because in Britain there is no shortage of ideas.

In the war years British films found a sense of reality. Now there are some who say that the war saw the peak of British film production and that today we are facing a decline in quality. I believe the contrary to be true. Because, as a nation, we shall

another three or four years to establish ourselves in that market in a really big way; but the dollars were beginning to flow in our direction. The fact that our two Governments have not been able to find a solution to this impasse is a grave setback to the forward march of British films.

The gravity of the economic situation, and in particular the continued dollar shortage, make it clear to us all that there must be some check on the flow of remittances to America; but with goodwill on both sides it should be possible to get round a table and work out a compromise to meet both points of view.

The Americans have more than kept the undertaking which they gave to me when I visited the United States during 1947. They promised then that they would show our films on the five major circuits, and last autumn they began to do this, despite the fact that no



Jack Warner and Harry Flower in a scene from "Hue and Cry."

not for some time yet be living easily, there still be a sense of purpose in our work; and this, I believe, will be reflected in our films.

When we first began to send films overseas there were 200 million weekly cinemagoers throughout the rest of the world, of whom the majority hardly realised the existence of British films. The habits of 200 millions are not changed overnight, but, because we have made first-rate pictures, we are breaking down resistances, overcoming the entrenched Americans with twenty-five years of effective marketing behind them.

These are the results of patient planning and much hard work; and fortunately we now have a powerful bargaining weapon in our own theatre interests here and overseas. Our aim is to secure a fair showing for our films on the world screens, and we are well on the way to achieving this.

In America our problems are complicated by the *ad valorem* duty, which unhappily was imposed just at the time our films were becoming popular in the United States. Even without the *ad valorem* duty, it would have taken us

American films were coming into this country. But you cannot expect the exhibitor in, say, the Middle West of the United States to take off his coat and work to put British pictures across when he is aware that Hollywood films are subject to a prohibitive tax in this country. Some day this impasse must be ended. For myself, I say let it be sooner rather than later.

New Entry In The Pin-Up Race

Stewart Granger, Errol Flynn, and Michael Denison are the toreros of the most recent major films.

Stewart Granger you know well. Errol Flynn you know only too well. Michael Denison you know hardly at all.

Referring to my diary I find that I first met him in May last year, and made the following note: "Has the authentic gleam of the heart-throb, or may be too intelligent to last."

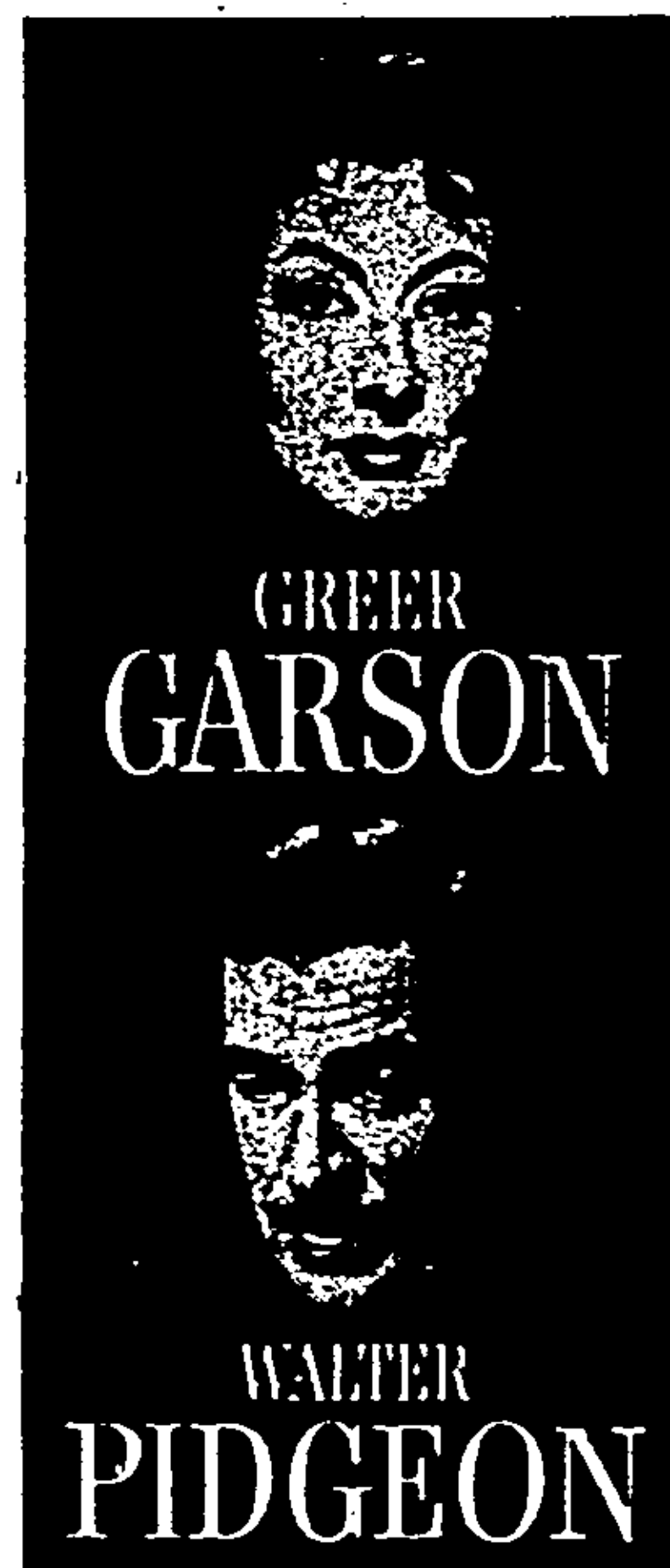
What is a heart-throb? He must be the sort of male girl's dream of before they know much about men. He is tall, masculine, and blatantly handsome. He has a quick, infectious smile that betrays dazzling dentures.

Above all, he has a wicked, exciting gleam in his eye, a daring, purposeful look that makes a girl think: Goodness, he's going to kiss me.

Michael Denison has all these qualifications, but there is one trait he lacks. Most heart-throbs of my acquaintance are curiously immature in private life. They have a small boy's passion for high-powered cars, yachts, primary colours, and are inveterate gadabouts. These small boy charac-

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teristics reach through on the screen just long enough to touch our maternal chords.

Michael Denison is not a small boy in private life. Any tendencies he may have had in that direction have doubtless worked themselves out during his six years in the British Intelligence.

Right now he and his wife (Dulcie Gray) seem to be asking only one question of life: Will the bulbs they planted so laboriously in Essex last autumn be finished before they get back from Italy, where they are making "The Glass Mountain"?

Come to think of it, Michael does remind me of Ferdinand the Bull.

Current Shows

HUMORESQUE (Lee and Alhambra Theatres). Joan Crawford and John Garfield. Strong drama, blended with some first-class music.

VARIETY GIRL (Queen's). Virtually all Paramount's stars appear at one stage or another. First-class revue entertainment and musical comedy.

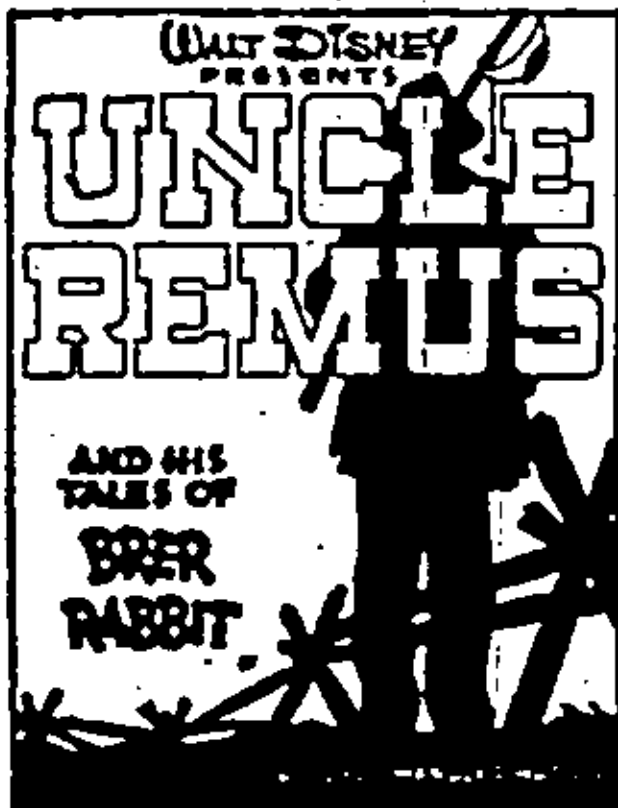
CALCUTTA (King's). Alan Ladd, Gail Russell and William Bendix. A crime thriller concerned with Over The Hump, pilots, and a girl. Bendix produces the light relief.

THE MAN WITHIN (Cathay). Michael Redgrave and Jean Kent. A British film in the best style.

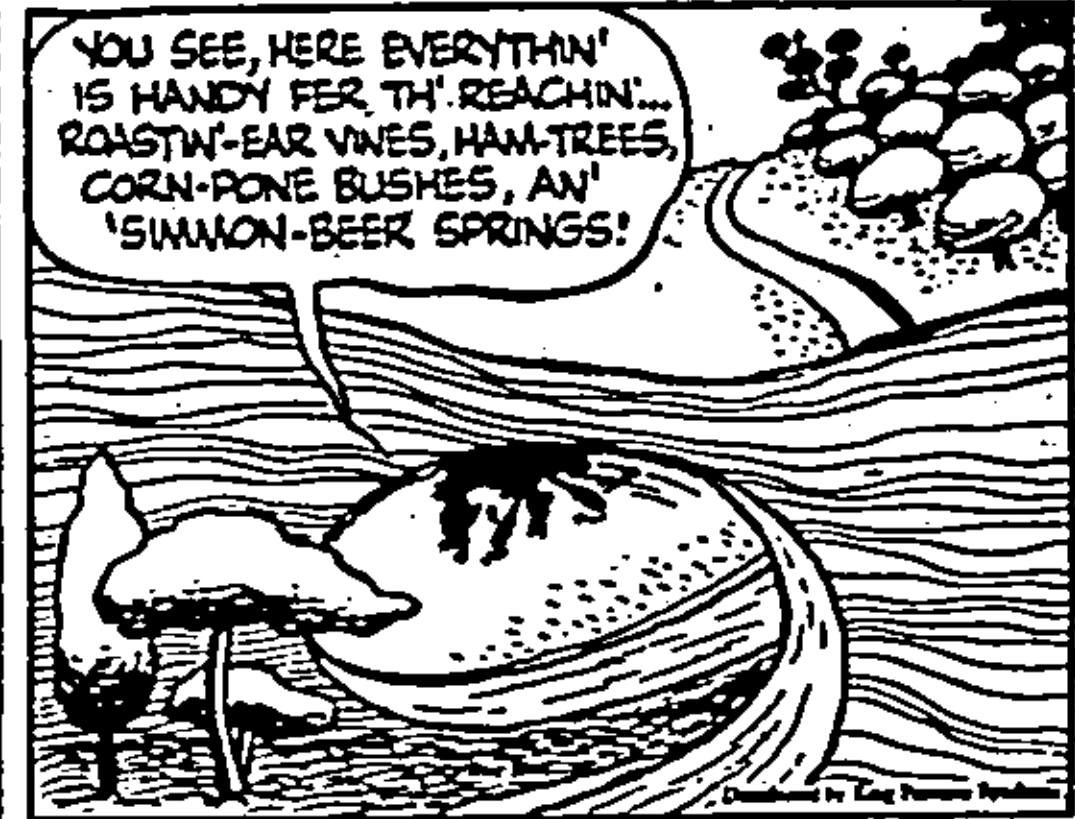
EASY TO WED (Majestic). Van Johnson and Esther Williams, which for the fans, says all that need be said.

QUIZ ANSWERS

1. Aeneas. (24.2.48)
2. Ben Yehuda Street, in the centre of Jerusalem's business district. (25.2.48)
3. Mr. Aw Boon Haw. (25.2.48)
4. Physician-in-ordinary to the King. (26.2.48)
5. Mr. Harold Wilson. (26.2.48)
6. The loss of the battleship "Prince of Wales" and the battle cruiser "Repulse" off Malaya on December 10, 1941. (27.2.48)



WELLSUH, IT LOOKS LIKE BRER RABBIT DONE FOUND TH' NEW WORLD HE WUZ LOOKIN' FER!

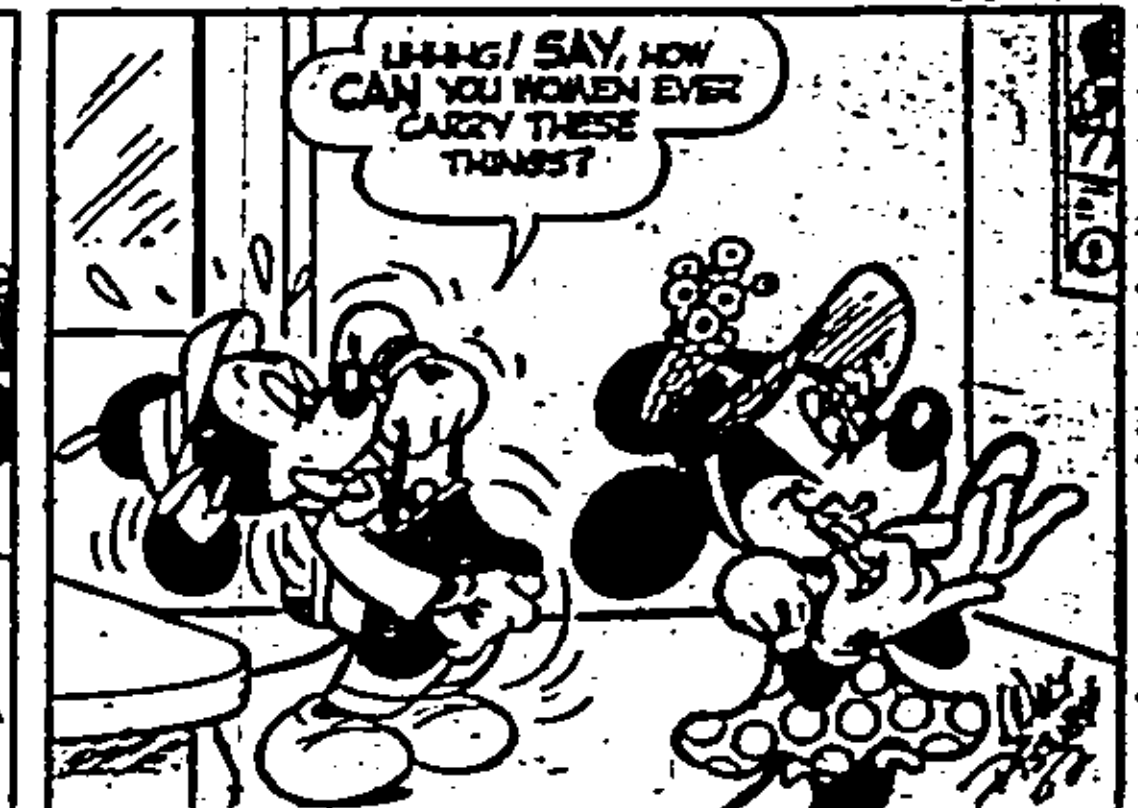
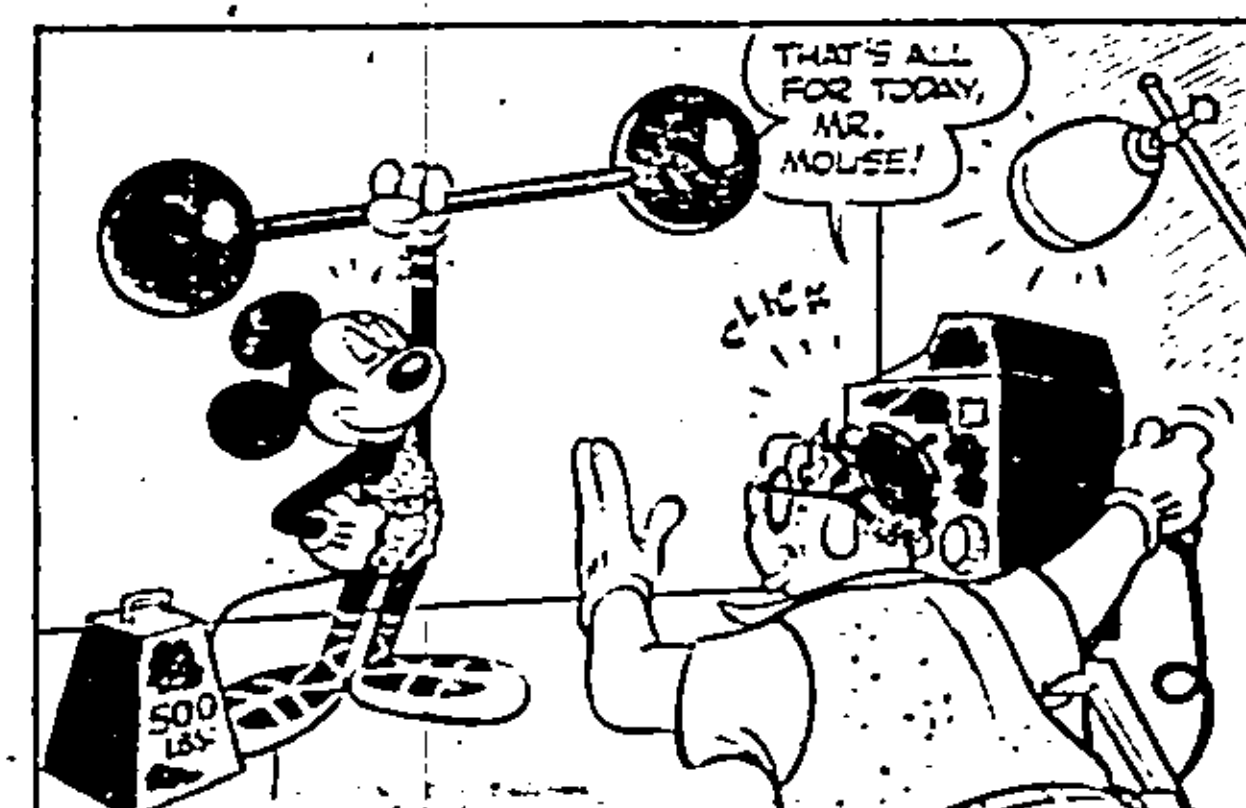
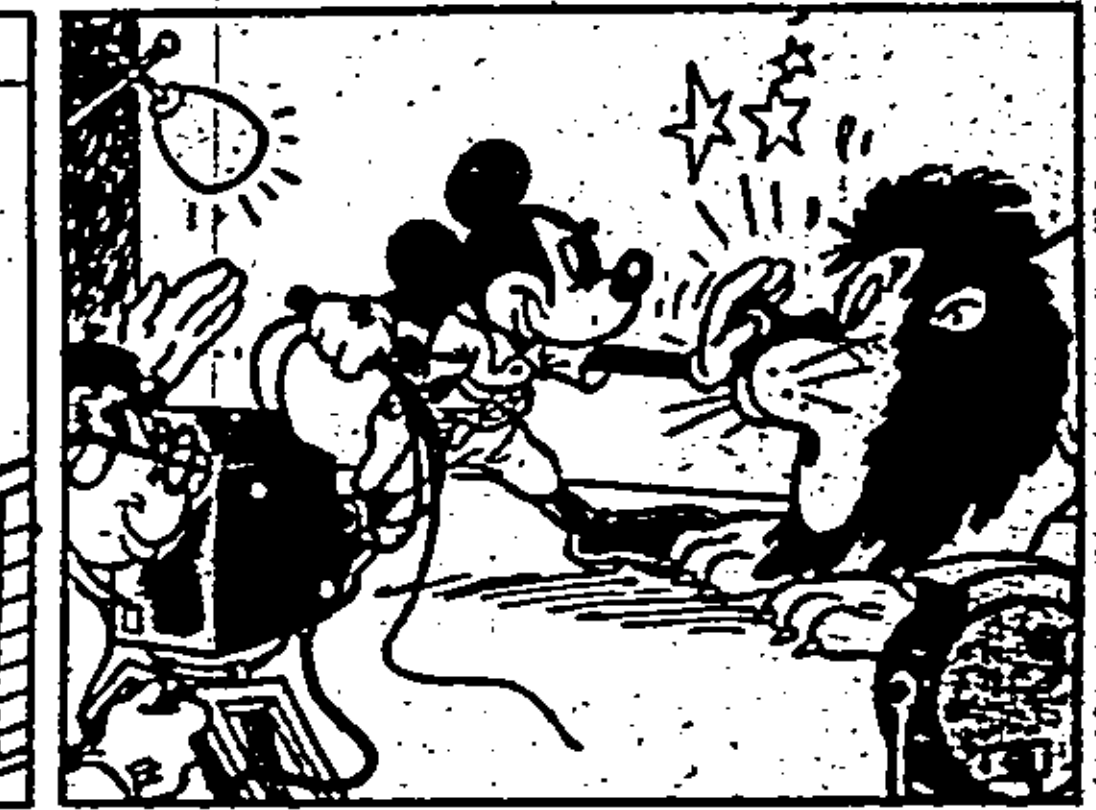
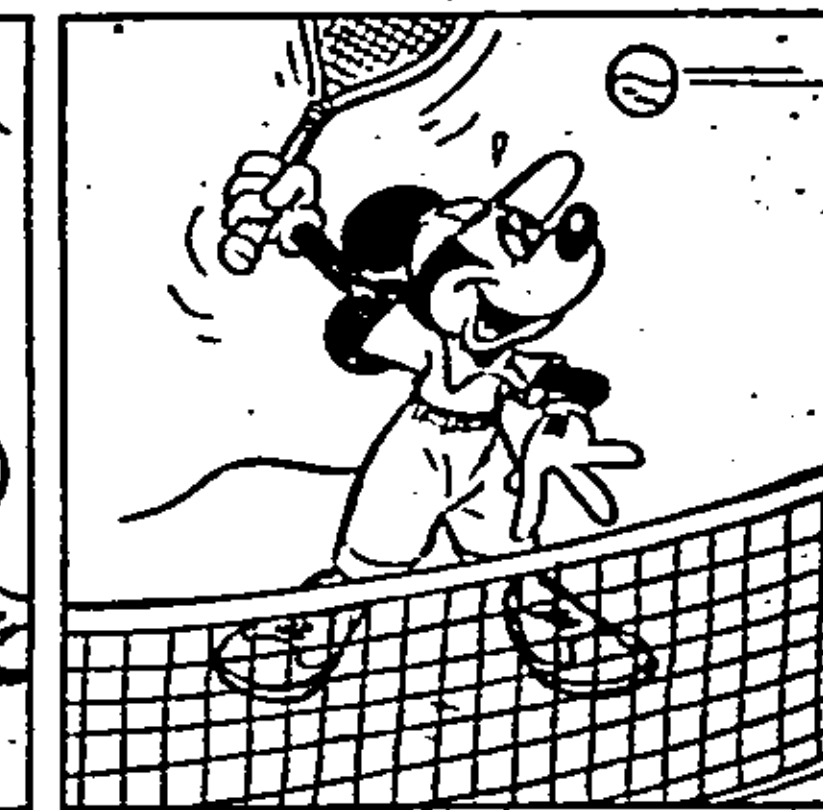
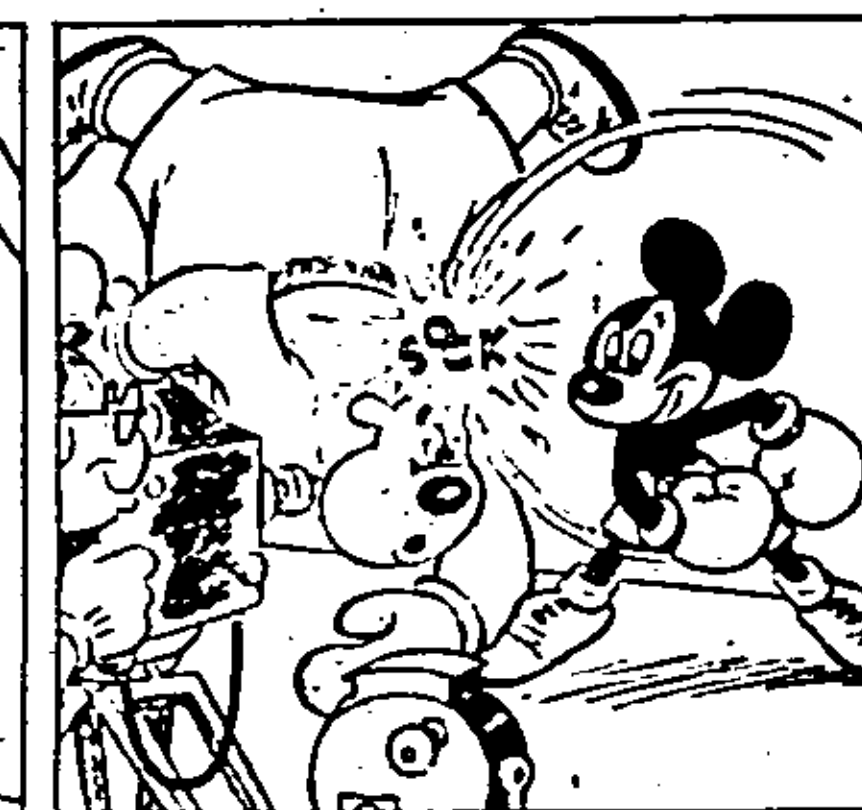
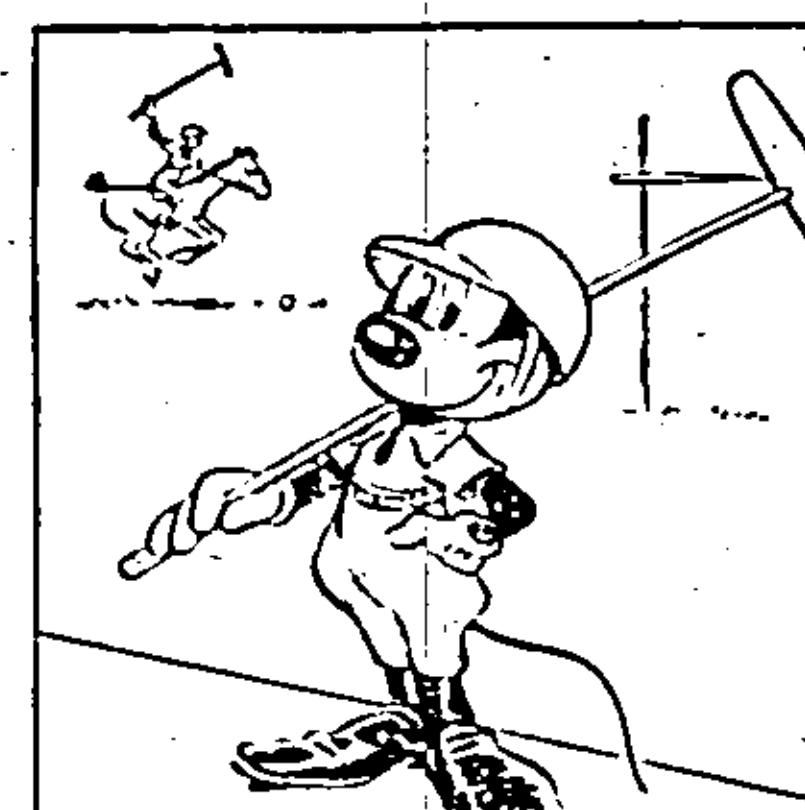
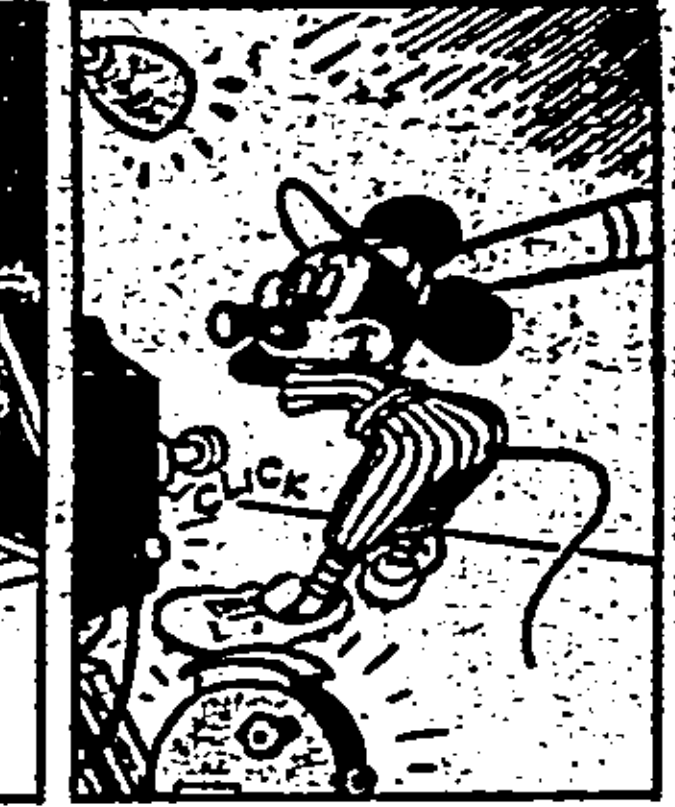
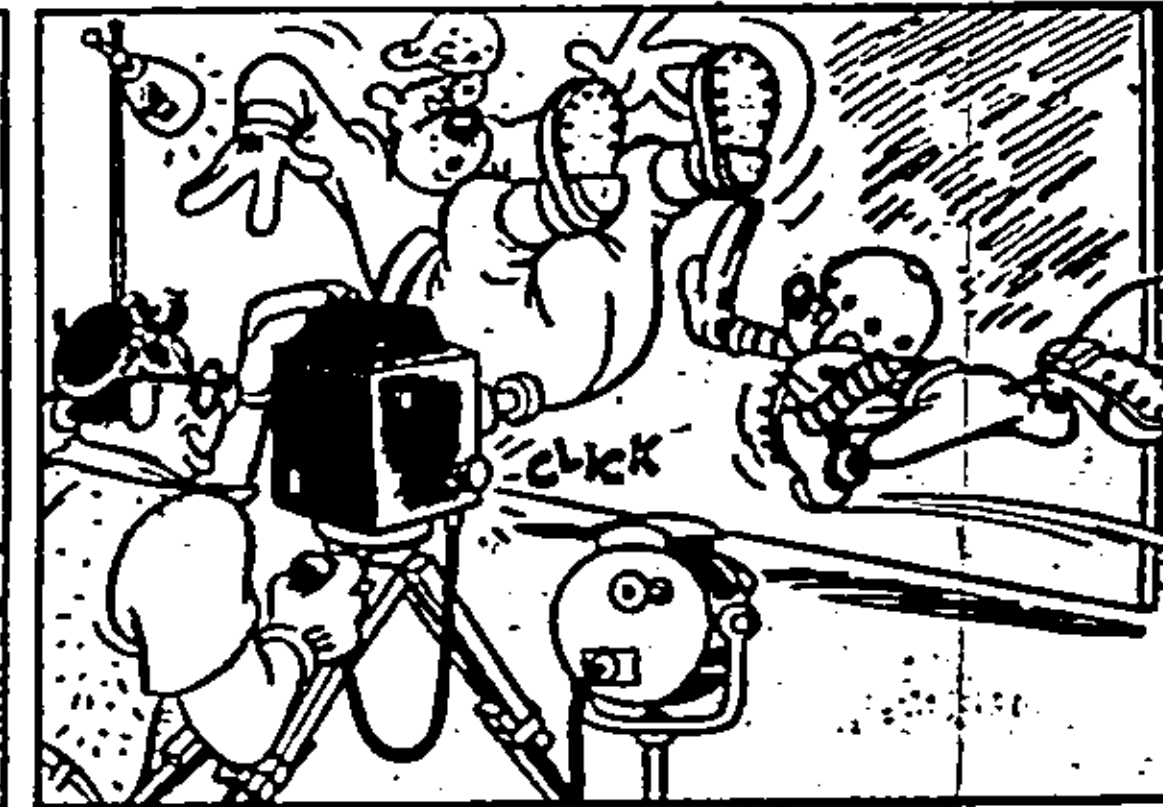
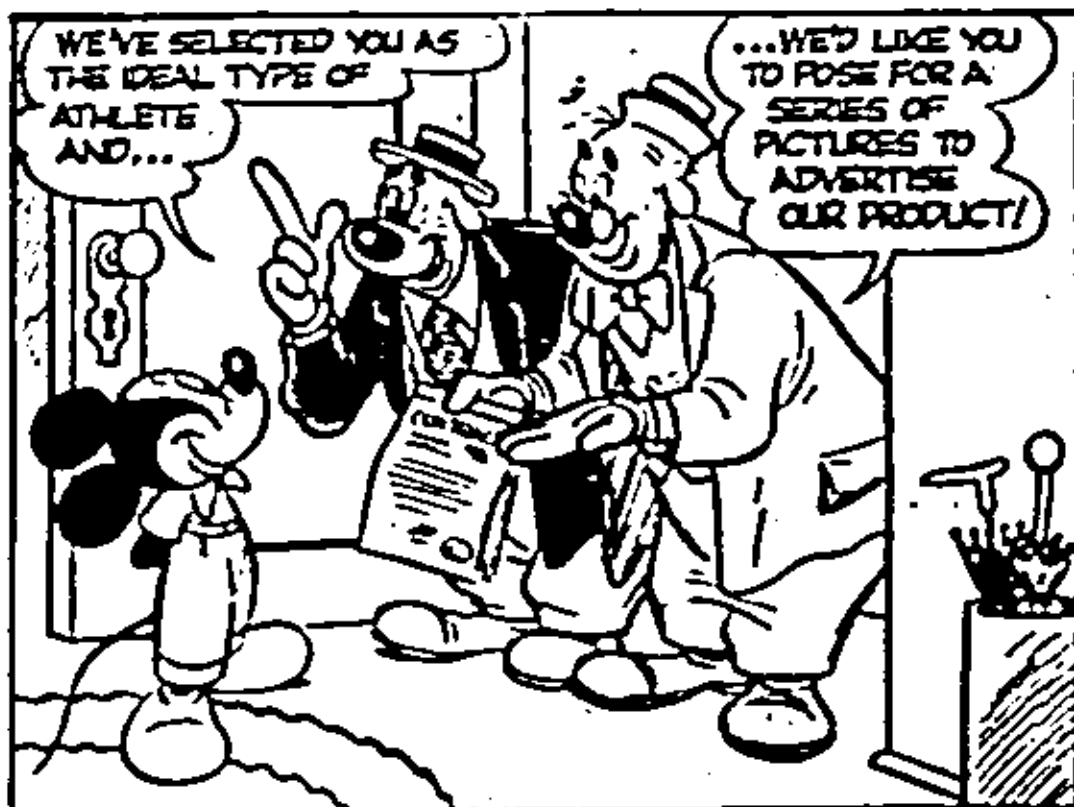
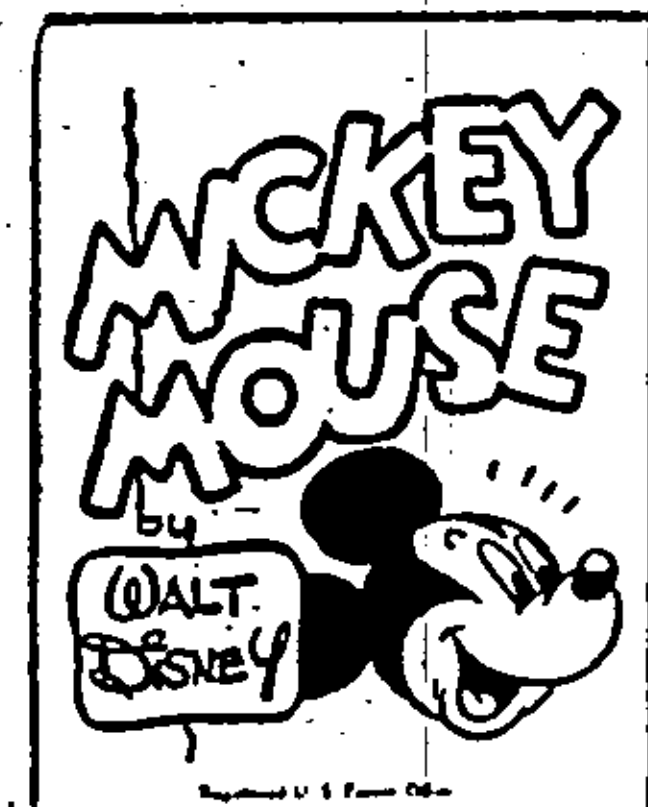


MERRY MOMENTS:

Small boy: Pa sent me for a piece of rope.
Shop Assistant: How much does he want?
Small Boy: Oh, just enough to reach from the fence to the goat.

Jim: What man can knock down a ten-story building with one blow of a hammer?
Allan: An auctioneer.

John: Father, may I borrow your car? I'm a wizard with a car.
Father: I know! Last week you turned it into a ditch.



Our Serial Story

THREE FOR LUCK

By
TRAVERS HUTCHIN

MAJOR MIKE SULLIVAN, ex-police-man who became a war hero, has met

ARTHUR MAYO, millionaire race-horse owner, whose horse

HAPPY MUNSTERMAN is favourite for the Guineas and the Derby. Mike has foiled attempts to nobble the horse, aided by Mayo's daughter

MOIRA. Mike suspects a race gang leader

DIAMOND HOTCHKISS, and his right-hand man

TURKEY REDDIN, ex-all-in wrestler. While Mike and Moira are in Newmarket, Mayo is kidnapped. Clues point to the gang's headquarters being in Brighton. In an attempt to free Mayo, Mike and Moira capture Reddin, who later escapes from police. A gangster phones Moira and orders her to write a letter asking her father to scratch the horse.

IVANOFF, a rich bookmaker, also appears to be in the plot.

Mike leaves Moira in Newmarket, and goes to Brighton. In an alley behind a public-house called the Turkey Run, apparently owned by Reddin, he overhears a talk between Hotchkiss and a man who appears to be

TEDDY ROYAL, Happy Munsterman's jockey, which makes him suspect

Royal. There is also talk of Mayo being in a disused mill. The gang come out from the pub, and Mike hides.

The gang disappeared round the corner of the street. Mike hastily tipped after them—for he realised that, much as he would have liked to settle a score with Hotchkiss, it was vital at the moment that his presence should not be discovered.

Now that he was fairly certain that Arthur Mayo was not far away, he did not want to scare the gang leader into moving the kidnapped millionaire to some new hide-out.

Lost Trail

By the time Mike arrived at the gateway from the dark alley to the street his quarry had disappeared from sight. He heard the sound of a car engine and then the receding whine as it drove away. He could have kicked himself for letting Hotchkiss get away in this manner—yet he felt that he had no alternative.

He walked round to the front of the Turkey Run and again entered the bar. He did not think that there was much more to be discovered there, but he ordered himself another beer. He wanted an opportunity to marshal the new facts in his mind, and he sat at a table in a secluded corner.

'Mr. Ivanoff'

The barman brought his beer over to him on a tray, which also held orders for other customers. Mike noticed that bottles of beer from three different breweries were on the tray, and idly asked the man which brewery owned the place.

"It's a free house. We sell what we like," the man replied.

"Who owns the place?" Mike asked.

"You can read the name over the door," the barman replied in a surly voice. Mike did not pursue the subject.

A little man in a cloth cap, sitting at the next table, took his pipe from his mouth and leaned over to Mike when the barman had gone. "Don't you take no notice of him, chum," he said. "They put Reddin's name over the door, but he don't own the place. It belongs to Mr. Ivanoff, the bookmaker. But he makes a fine penny out of it, too. Blimey, as if a bookie needed it."

"Is that the Ivanoff who has a big business in London?" Mike asked.

"That's him. London and Brighton. He lives up on the Downs. Great big

house he has. Cor, money don't half come to those that have it already. Everything he touches makes money for him."

"That's often the case," said Mike. He was beginning to see the hand of Ivanoff in many things connected with the Diamond Gang.

It was Ivanoff who had been in the hotel room with Hotchkiss in Liverpool. It was Ivanoff who owned the Turkey Run, which was apparently one of the haunts of the Diamond Gang. And Ivanoff, a large-scale bookmaker, could not but be interested in the fate of Happy Munsterman in the Classic races.

He ran over in his mind the new facts that he had learned. If the man who had been with Hotchkiss was Teddy Royal, the jockey who was to ride Happy Munsterman in the Two Thousand Guineas. Only one conclusion could be drawn from his presence in such company.

And Mayo, he felt sure, was not far away. Hotchkiss had said that he was going to see the kidnapped man that evening. It was too late an hour to go very far on such a mission.

Then there had been the reference to a mill. "I've got to get up to the mill. I want to see this Mayo," Hotchkiss had said.

Mike made up his mind that there were two things he must discover—whether Teddy Royal was actually the man he had seen with Hotchkiss, and where this mill was situated.

He drank his beer quickly and set off again for the Clipper Hotel. Once in his room there, he put in a phone call to Harry Fortescue, Mayo's trainer, at Newmarket.

Harry said that he did not know where Royal was, and added that he should be in Newmarket, since he was riding Munsterman at morning gallops the next day.

"Find out as quickly as you can and ring me back, Harry," Mike replied. "I think it is very important that we should know. I'll explain why later. I'll wait here until I hear from you."

Mike strolled down to the entrance hall. The hall porter to whom he had been talking earlier was still on duty. "Are there any disused cotton mills or factories of that kind round here?" Mike asked. "I'm interested in finding unused factory accommodation."

"Cotton mills? No, nothing like that round here. The only mills we have are windmills, sir. And there's not many of them left."

The hall porter obviously thought that Mike was a bit green to expect to find cotton mills in Brighton.

"Windmills?" Mike queried. "What are they used for now?"

"Not used, sir. Just pretty ornaments for sightseers to look at on the Downs. Give a bit of history to the view, so to speak."

At that moment Mike was called to the phone. It was Harry Fortescue at the other end of the line again.

"It's very funny," Harry said. "I can't find Teddy Royal anywhere in the town. I've phoned his home and all his usual haunts, and he's not at any of them. He went out in his car this afternoon and hasn't returned since. I hope nothing has happened to him. We're giving Munsterman a full-length spin on the training ground in the morning—a very important one, on which I shall decide my tactics in the Guineas. Do you think Teddy has been kidnapped, too?"

"I doubt it," Mike replied grimly. "I expect he'll turn up in the morning."

"I hope so," Harry said. "Because if anything goes wrong with him we shall be in a pretty mess. There isn't another decent jockey available for the Guineas, and I'd hate to have to put an apprentice up on Munsterman in a race like that."

"I think Royal will be there in the morning. But whether he will ride Munsterman in the Guineas—well, I'll talk to you about that later."

And in spite of Harry's questions, he would go no farther on the subject then.

Empty Shop

Mike rose early in the morning, and set out in the car for London. For he surmised that the man whom Hotchkiss had called Tiny would go that day to the address to which he had told Moira to write the letter pleading with her father that he should scratch Happy Munsterman. There would be no letter for the gangster to collect—but Mike felt that he would like to arrange a reception committee to greet him.

Mike left the car in a garage nearby, and went to the address on foot. It turned out to be a dirty, apparently empty shop in a little side street in Soho. The windows were boarded up and the door locked.

Mike saw a postman a little farther down the street. He went up to him. "Do you happen to know who owns that shop at No. 52?" Mike asked.

"Don't know," the postman replied. "It's been empty a long time now."

"I wanted to rent it," Mike lied. "I suppose you don't have any letters to deliver there that would give me a clue to the owner's name?"

"There is an odd letter or two. Not often. But I don't remember who they're addressed to. I remember one or two have just had the address and no name—you know, like circulars are addressed when they don't know the occupant's name. But it's some time since there have been any, I think."

'Big Job'

Mike thanked the other for his information. He went down an alleyway and got round to the back of the shop. It had no back door, but there was a filthy window looking out on to the alley.

Mike was trying this window when he heard footsteps behind him. He whipped round, his hand going to his pocket for his revolver. But the steps were only those of a burly police sergeant.

"Now then, what are you up to?" the sergeant began—and then a look of comical amazement came over his face.

"Why, it's Mike Sullivan," he said. "Mike Sullivan it is, Bill," Mike replied. "And I see you're a sergeant since we worked in this division together ten years ago. And now you want to pull me in for attempted house-breaking?"

"Pull you in be blowed. But I'd like to know what you're up to. I know you've left the force, so you're not on a job."

"That's where you're wrong, Bill. I am on a job—a big job, too. Our old friends the Diamond Gang are mixed up in it. I want to have a look in this shop, that's all."

"Look to your heart's content. I'll be about in the street. Come and have a talk with me afterwards. If I see anything funny, I'll tell you. I don't know what you're doing—but if you say it's O.K., that's good enough for me."

"Thanks, Bill, I appreciate that. One day I'll tell you all about it. For the moment, I'll just say that I'm working on a private inquiry that is as big a job as any I ever did in the force."

"Well, good luck to you," the sergeant said as he went off.

Mike did not bother to conceal his movements any more. He knew that the policeman would give him warning if anybody was approaching.

He soon managed to force the window open, and climbed into the back room of the shop. It was a small place—indeed, the whole shop was tiny.

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It had apparently been a tobacconist's, judging from the empty cartons lying about. The back room appeared to have been a store-room. There was nothing suspicious about the place. Probably the gang merely used it as an accommodation address to which letters could be sent.

After a thorough search of the shop, Mike decided to wait for a little while in the back room. He was sure that Tiny the gangster would not be long in arriving. And he had a special reason for wanting to see him.

His surmise was correct. After he had been waiting for about half an hour, he heard a car pull up in the street outside. A key scraped in the lock, and the shop door opened.

Mike did not move until the visitor had entered and closed the door behind him. Then he crept from his hiding place towards the front part of the shop.

MORE NEXT WEEK

Answer This Question— You May Win \$2.

"What Do You Think?"

"What are your favourite hobbies?" Send in your answer to this question in not more than 150 words. Boys and girls up to 10 years of age can enter this competition, and all entries must be in at the SUNDAY HERALD offices by March 8.

The best answer will be published in the Children's Page on March 7, and the winner will receive \$2.

Word Wisdom

Conversation (konversashun): To have speech with another person, or to know another person well.

Descend (de-send): To move downwards. The noun of "descend" is *descent* (de-sent).

Hinge (hinj): A small double-sided joint usually made of metal which is screwed into both the door and the wall so that the door can open easily.

Veteran (veteran): A person who has done one particular job for a long time, so that he is an expert at it.

Lowly (loh): Belonging to a lower rank, coming from humble surroundings.

Lowing (lo-ing): Sound made by a cow or cattle.

Rattle (ratl): A series of sharp, distinct noises made by one object being knocked against another one.

Slippery (sliperi): Very smooth, so that it is difficult to walk on (such as a slippery floor).

Width (width): The noun of the adjective *wide*; the opposite way to the length.

Zodiac (zodiak): The path of the moon and the other planets through the skies. The zodiac is divided into twelve sections, one for every four weeks of the year and each section is given a different name.

Summit (sumit): The highest part of a hill or mountain.

SORT OUT THESE JUMBLED WORDS—

Try to sort out these jumbled words, just for fun.

If you can't guess them correctly, turn the page round and read the answers below. If you don't know the words, look them up! You will find them easily in any dictionary.

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Comics, Visitor, Underland,
Animals, Boredom, Cotton, Police,
SUNSHINE, SORROW, DETROIT

AT MY TYPEWRITER...

Today we are publishing the first entry forms for the Herald Companions' Club.

Make sure you send yours in as soon as possible so that your name goes on the list for the first badges! (You may have to wait some time for your badge, but we will send them out as soon as we get them.)

Remember, won't you, to mark all your contributions "All my own work"? If we don't have your assurance that your entry is original, I am afraid that we cannot print it for you.

Some letters have been sent in to me querying the results of past competitions. I want you to remember that in all competition results my decision is absolutely final.

Happy days to you all, from

Auntie Vee

Children's Page

BE A MODERN "ROBINSON CRUSOE"!

Write a story of your adventures on a tropical island after you have been shipwrecked.

The place for adventure is a far-off island—an island set by itself in a blue tropical sea.

Imagine you have been shipwrecked on a coral reef near an island like that. Some of your shipmates have been lost and some have got away in the boats, but you and two or three others have managed to swim ashore to the white sandy beach inside the reef.

When your party reached the shore you found you had managed to save between you one long sailor's knife, a ball of string, three sou-wester's, one automatic with wet ammunition, seven boxes of wet matches, three combs and a screw driver. Later in the day five packing cases from the ship were washed ashore, several cushions and mattresses floated on the reef, and a crate containing reels of piano wire was saved.

That is all you have to start your new life on Palm Island.

What did you do first? What sort of island was it? How did you manage to live there for six months before a ship came to pick you up, though you did not know at the time that you would ever be saved? What adventures did you have?

Write your story and send it in to me!

If you can draw as well, draw a map of Palm Island as you found it after you had explored it, showing all the different points of interest and the general outline of your home for six months.

To give you plenty of time, we're going to run this competition for two weeks, instead of the usual one. Have your entries in by Thursday, March 11. Boys and girls up to sixteen can enter this competition.

As prizes in this double competition, we are offering two cameras—one for the best entry from a boy, and one for the best entry from a girl!

Make sure you enter—you may win a camera for yourself, complete with a roll of film!

Auntie Vee's decision will be final.

NAME
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Send your entries to Auntie Vee, SUNDAY HERALD, Windsor House, Hong Kong.

LAST WEEK'S PRIZEWINNERS

Some of the entries submitted for last week's competition were very amusing.

The best came from Elfrida Ozorio (14), of 289, Prince Edward Road, Kowloon. Her story was:

There were several more minutes to go before the race.

Underneath the rolling clouds thousands gathered to see the Grand National. At the gates more people continued to stream in.

It was a grand affair. A collection of all colours, like a western sunset, presented a beautiful picture—so beautiful that few could ever forget it.

There was a roar of applause as a lonely horse trotted out of the paddock. If the sun continued to shine so brightly the success of the day would be guaranteed. There was much laughing and shouting when the next jockey came trotting out at a lopsided angle. He managed to level himself with some difficulty—much to the glee of the public.

The race started well, though it took quite a while as the ponies continued to walk about. "Happy Season," the French champion, was the favourite, and easily distinguished, as his jockey wore a custard-yellow coloured shirt. It would be a great event if the locally-bred mare, "The Pie", which was no ordinary mare, could beat "Happy Season." But the latter was easily the winner, as he came galloping in with lengths to spare.

He was greeted with thunderous applause. The only incident of the day occurred when a pony suddenly reared up as a result of a trumpet blast from the bandstand.

Apart from this, it was a perfect day.

Wilma Watson (10), Room 226, Peninsula Hotel, wins Second Prize.

The Third Prize goes to Joyce Pomeroy (16), of 242, Prince Edward Road, Kowloon.

Entry Form For The H.C.C.

Fill in the entrance form below if you want to become a member of The Herald Companions' Club.

Print clearly in capital letters, so that it is easy to read, and send the form back to us as soon as you can.

When you send it in, send us a photograph of yourself as well, if you have a spare one. We can then keep this with your entry form, so that if we want to use it in the future we do not need to ask you for a photograph.

Dear Auntie Vee,

Would you please put my name down to be a member of the Herald Companions' Club.

Name

Address Ago

Birthday

Hobbies

MY ARRIVAL

When we arrived in Hong Kong it was about eight o'clock in the morning. We all had breakfast early so that we could watch as we came up the strait, but it was raining, not hard, but hard enough so that it was difficult to see where we were going.

We dropped the anchor off Taikoo while we waited for a pilot boat. We looked at the shore, at the large houses perched all over the hill, looking as if there was no way of getting to them, and at the viaduct running across the slopes. Some of the ships in the dockyard were up on the slips to be repaired, and they were stuck up with their boys in the air.

I did not say anything to anybody, but I did not like the look of it. It was maybe because it was raining, but it looked so dismal and dirty.

There was some excitement while we were waiting for the little pilot junk to come, because a big white and yellow Dutch boat passed us, going right through without waiting for a pilot at all. Mother was angry, because she wanted to get ashore, but somebody said that the pilot would be picked up later on.

When the little pilot junk came along it was so small we all laughed as it came in close under us on the rail. There were two women on board who did all the work, while the man just stood there until he had to climb the ladder.

Where we were standing at the rail the little white flag with "Pilot" written on it was just level with our hands when we stretched out. One of the men wanted to take it for a souvenir, but he didn't, though I wanted him to.

After the pilot was on board we pulled up the anchor and steamed slowly up the strait, until we turned the corner at Lyceum and saw Hong Kong.

Actually, we didn't see very much, because it was still raining a bit. The Peak was all covered, and the only thing we could see clearly was the Hong Kong Bank and the Yacht Club.

We had to anchor out in the middle of the harbour, because there was not enough room at the docks. As soon as we went slowly to tie up to the buoy all the little junks and sampans came round us, shouting out and waving flags with the names of boarding-houses painted on them, to let the Chinese people who were coming back with us know where they could stay.

Soon there were so many junks around us that they started having arguments. They all tried to push up against the stairs when they were let down, but one of the officers from the ship stood at the top and wouldn't let them on.

Most of the people on the ship were only passing through Hong Kong on their way home, so they went ashore without waiting to see to their luggage, which kept us on the ship for a long time, almost until five o'clock.

I wished I was only passing, through, too. I wanted to go home.

(No name or address was sent in with this contribution. If the boy or girl who sent it in writes and claims it, he or she will be awarded * * *)

World Spotlight:

THEY BUILD TRAINS

Thousands of boys are rushing to join boys' clubs recently opened by the New South Wales police in Sydney.

The boys are taught swimming and boxing, carpentry and weaving or any hobby they fancy. At Balmain, near Sydney, they built a model railway system.

(From Alice Dawson Sydney.)

PIGMY CARTOON



How Nice To See So
Many Old Faces!

Condensation from "THE REACH OF THE MIND" in Reader's Digest

What do recent studies reveal about the unknown powers of the human mind—mind-reading, clairvoyance, "mind-over-matter"—even the prospect of proving survival of personality after death? February Reader's Digest brings a 14-page condensation from J. B. Rhine's startling new book. Don't miss this report of actual experiments that have stirred the scientific world—a tale of seeming fantasies told by a matter-of-fact scientist from Duke University.

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THE PROMS

Two sharply contrasted works start and end tonight's "Proms Concert" from ZBW—Mendelssohn's "Italian Symphony," with its unrivalled gaiety and freshness, and Berlioz's "Harold in Italy," which has been called the "quintessence of Romanticism." In between is sandwiched a Horowitz recording of Beethoven's "32 Variations for piano in C Minor," Op. 191.

Taking the minor work first, Beethoven's Op. 191 is but one of the 29 sets of variations that he wrote for the piano alone, quite apart from many others which appear as movements in sonatas, quartets and trios. He revelled in variations, taking a delight in writing a series of short pieces around the same idea—an air or theme—apparently finding them a useful "safety-valve."

Mendelssohn's symphony in A (the "Italian") was composed for the London Philharmonic Society and first performed by them on May 13th, 1833. Exquisitely scored, it proved to be a great advance on the C Minor (which he had dedicated to the London Philharmonic in 1824). Whereas the latter had taken Mozart as its model, the "Italian" was Mendelssohn's own, its melodies and its treatment being completely original.

Like all his symphonies, it makes up in charm what it lacks in fundamental strength. The gaiety of the slow movement was as great an innovation as the scherzo in Beethoven's piano concerto in G; the scherzo was a creation of Beethoven's; Mendelssohn took the same name for the same movement, but made it his individual own.

It is interesting to compare Schumann with Mendelssohn. In all his four symphonies, and without any real reason or understanding, Schumann scored for trombones, as was the custom. In this "Italian" symphony, Mendelssohn purposely omits the trombones; they were unnecessary, so he dispensed with them.

As a composer of symphonies, Mendelssohn wrote none that could be called "Great"; nonetheless, all are pleasant to listen to. In this respect, he occupies a unique position in the hierarchy of the Masters. Perhaps the best definition is given by Vernon Blackburn when he writes:—

"If I were to assign his position, in the flash of a phrase, I should call him the Ganyemede, the cupbearer of Jupiter's table. He was of the company of the gods, and he served them, he pleased them well; and his dwelling-place was in the palace of Jove, but he was not of royal rank though he wore the livery of the great kings of art."

Berlioz's "Harold in Italy," a symphony with viola obbligato starts off like a concerto for that instrument and ends like a symphony. It owes its inception to Paganini, who had a Stradivari viola and wanted music worthy of the instrument; he sent Berlioz 20,000 francs for such a work, but did not, in fact, play it. Some say this was because he was ill, others that he refused to play it; in any event, the first performance was entrusted to another. It was nearly a flop. The harpist lost his place and the conductor lost his head; a hasty signal for them all to play the last chord retrieved the situation!

"Harold in Italy" purports to be to music what Byron's "Childe Harold" is to literature though its relationship to the poem is of the very slightest. As was to be expected from the pioneer of the symphonic poem, it is sheer pictorialism, and in it Berlioz displays those uncanny powers of effect which inevitably must stamp him as an inventive genius. In the real sense of the term, he was one of the most original of composers, while he occupied the very first rank of the masters of orchestration.

The work is not without its defects. The "Pilgrim's March," for instance, starts delightfully on a simple theme, but is much too long and offends at the end. The "Brigand's Orgy" has

insufficient fire and imagination as compared with later works.

On the other hand, the design is bold and the work as a whole is original, living up in no uncertain manner to the sub-title "Scenes of Melancholy, Happiness and Joy." Though by no means his best work, it is not an insignificant one. It illustrates Grove's verdict on his music:—"Time after time he ruins his cause by subordinating beauty to emphasis, and (he) is so anxious to impress that he forgets how to charm."

PIZETTI

Ildebrando Pizetti, who at 67 is Italy's best-known living composer of operas, has just completed his seventh opera, "Vanna Lupa." It is based on the conflict between rich and poor in 14th Century Florence. Although the 3-act drama is still a closely guarded secret, the musical critics in Rome are already referring to it as "a musical drama with similarity to the present-day class struggle" and as "a poem of musical phantasy."

Pizetti is said to have poured into it the best of his 35 years of theatrical and musical experience. The plot is said to exalt the maternal sentiments of an implacable mother, strong of will and capable of a sublime sacrifice.

That is about all in the way of news about this opera that has reached Hong Kong so far. If his previous works can be taken as a criterion, his latest work will show signs of being influenced by the study of Greek and Gregorian modes he made at Parma Conservatory. In all his operas, his methods have been original. For instance, he is a sensitive writer for the chorus, which is allotted some of the most important passages. Voices, too, are given original treatment, being used in a flexible, semi-declamatory manner. It will probably be many years, however, before the music reaches Hong Kong, and we can find out for ourselves how the new opera shapes.

THE "MET"

The Metropolitan Opera House, New York, has added two new artists to its roster. They are Carmen Gracia, Spanish coloratura soprano, and Brian Sullivan, American tenor.

Miss Gracia arrived in the United States last year, after having sung at La Scala, Milan, and other European opera houses.

Sullivan is well known on Broadway, where he recently appeared as "Sam Kaplan" in the musical version of Elmer Rice's "Street Scene." Previously, he sang in opera in Los Angeles, Chicago, New York, St. Louis, and Central City (Colorado).

Kerstin Thorborg, Swedish mezzo-soprano, has arrived in New York with her husband to rejoin the Metropolitan Opera. She will be heard in her favourite roles and at the end of the season will give several concerts in various parts of the United States.

FUND

Vladimir Horowitz, pianist, made his American debut recently as a speaker. He announced that contributors of US\$10 or more to the fund will receive an album of his recent recordings of the music of Chopin and Liszt; the album will be autographed individually to the donor.

The fund was established as a memorial to Rachmaninoff. Its purpose is the discovery and development of young American talent in the three fields in which the Russian master was eminent—piano, composition and conducting.

BBC OPERA

The BBC has commissioned William Walton to write an opera. The libretto has been written by Christopher Hassall, in active cooperation with Dr. Walton, on the theme of "Troilus and Cressida"—but will not use Shakespeare's words or follow his play. The opera will be in three acts.

WINNER

Sigli Weissenberg, an 18-year old Bulgarian-born pianist, has been named the winner of the eighth annual contest of the Edgard Levintritt Foundation, says a United Press message from New York. The award entails an appearance with the New York Philharmonic Symphony Orchestra this season.

Weissenberg arrived in the United States last year. As winner of the "Youth Contest" of the Philadelphia Orchestra, he appeared with that organization in November last. He is now studying with Olga Samoyloff Stokowski at the Julliard School of Music, N.Y.

BALLET

Hurok has decided to end his presentations of ballet at the Metropolitan Opera House, New York, after 12 years of operation. The Ballet Russe de Monte Carlo and the Ballet Theatre made a joint bid for this season's use of the house. Hurok was called on to match the bid, but declined.

He told the directors of the "Met" that the joint offer was "far in excess of the number of performances I can consider a matter of reasonable business practice as established in the past 12 continuous years of my association with the Metropolitan."

Hurok says that rising costs have made the New York presentation and tours of ballet impracticable for all but companies with famous stars and spectacular repertoires.

QUOTATION

"Of literary criticism I do not hold myself qualified to speak, but I must confess that I have often wished for a little more of the milk of human kindness when I have listened to what many a self-confessed 'confirmed music lover' has had to say about new compositions of British composers, showing themselves in this matter less open to new ideas than professional musicians and critics, which is perhaps to be expected."

"For if by charity you understand, as I do, not a willingness to overlook incompetence or perversity, but a sympathetic attempt to understand just what the other fellow is trying to do, a willingness to admit that he is entitled to try and do it and to praise him if he has succeeded, our musical writers of today are by no means devoid of charity or perhaps of the two lesser virtues that should go with it."

—A. L. Bacharach.

"Y" CONCERT

Friday evening's gramophone concert of the Y.M.C.A. Music Group will consist of the following works:—

Weber's overture "Oberon."
Puccini's arias "Love and Music" ("Tosca") and "Oh, My Beloved Father" ("Gianni Schicchi")—Joan Hammond, soprano.

Mozart's Piano Concerto in C Major (K-467)—Arthur Schnabel.

Shostakovich's "Symphony No. 6." Incidentally, although the following Friday will see another concert, the date of the last two for March has not yet been fixed, owing to a clash of dates with other Y.M.C.A. activities. As soon as they are known, notices will be posted up in the "Y" and will appear in this column.

GENERAL KNOWLEDGE ANSWERS

1. Branch of chemistry dealing with the science of wine-making, brewing and distilling.
2. Foxy, wolfish, bearish, sheepish.
3. Nellie Mitchell. She died in 1931.
4. No. They're all correct.
5. The leopard's spots are not solid. They are formed of small rosettes of four or five solid black spots grouped round a centre which is a darker colour than the ground colour. The rosettes of the jaguar are much larger, and fewer, which actually makes the coat more attractive.
6. Don Juan—a tone poem by Richard Strauss. Don Giovanni—opera by Mozart.
7. One.

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Health Page

The Braund Operations In Sydney

By ARTHUR MORLEY

A successful cure for some forms of cancer has been found, announces the British cancer authority, Dr. Henry Brose.

The discoverer is an ageing Sydney layman, John Braund, whose amazing operations Dr. Brose has been watching for four years.

Dr. Brose's announcement came at the height of a medical controversy in Sydney in which some orthodox sections of opinion had expressed doubt regarding Mr. Braund's claims.

Dr. Brose's cautiously-worded statement said: "Mr. Braund has discovered the cure of at least some forms of cancer. I know too much about cancer to have the slightest doubt it. I have also talked with many of Mr. Braund's patients and know they had definitely been diagnosed as suffering from cancer."

Dr. Brose formerly Professor of Physics at Nottingham University, was then in charge of a sub-department of cancer research. In England he was elected to the Imperial Cancer Research Committee and is a graduate of Oxford, after having received a Rhodes Scholarship. His statement has caused a sensation in medical circles.

A controversy was beginning to

rage about Braund's claims and Braund himself flatly refused to hand over his secrets to the orthodox members of the medical profession, claiming they were prejudiced.

Mr. Braund, for many months, has been operating on patients who claim they had previously been pronounced hopeless cancer cases by orthodox doctors. Almost without exception the patients subsequently claimed to be cured.

Mr. Braund insists his method is foolproof and simple, and will not take a penny for his treatment. Australians have travelled from the far corner of the Continent, pleading with him to treat them.

One foremost Australian cancer specialist, who saw an operation by Braund examined the patient's wound with the aid of a powerful lens and pronounced the wound clean and healthy.

This specialist opined that the available evidence indicated that Mr. Braund might have discovered something the world has been seeking for a century.

Mr. Braund himself reveals only that his method is based on the theory that a substance in the bloodstream is the primary cause of cancer. He claims that he has discovered a chemical substance which when injected into patients rectifies the trouble with the blood and causes the cancer itself to shrink and loosen itself from the surrounding healthy tissue.

Lifted Out

He claims, also, that the injection brings an internal cancer to the surface of the skin where, after being shrunk, it can be lifted out with forceps.

"This chemical is so cheap and common that people will not believe it when they learn what it is," he says.

Tremendous interest was aroused by one operation which he performed which had previously been described by the medical profession as impossible. He removed what was claimed to be a dead cancer (killed and shrunk by his secret injections) from just below the patient's diaphragm in the region of the liver. It was the size of a golf ball and had long tentacles which reached into the man's body. The whole mass came away with only gentle pressure.

Braund had publicised the operation in advance and 12 witnesses were present. Braund claimed the cancer had originally been located in the liver. The patient, John Charles Giffard, a Melbourne engineer, immediately dressed himself and said he felt better.

Medical authorities here say independent research in the United States is following a parallel line to that of Mr. Braund, and it was felt that the medical world might be on the eve of a big cancer discovery: an effective method, chemical rather than surgical treatment.

Mr. Braund has now accepted a gift of £20,000 and a building, to begin a large-scale cancer clinic.

Pocket Pain Killer

A new victory against pain has recently been chalked up by medicine's non-stop researchers—this time one which affects most of us and which is so simple that it can be included in the first-aid category.

A man has an accident in the work shop; it takes half an hour to rush him by ambulance to the hospital; during that time first-aid is administered, but hitherto very little has been done to relieve him of pain.

Now, in the factory first-aid kit there can be a small tube looking very much like the benzadrine inhaler which we all know.

Inside it is an ampoule containing a small amount of a certain chemical. When a plunger is forced into the ampoule the chemical soaks into cotton wool and gives off a vapour.

The man sniffs it in the ordinary way and for 60 minutes or more his pain is relieved—time enough to set in motion more permanent methods at the hospital.

Danger Free

The great value of the new anti-pain inhaler is that it is fool-proof and free from danger. There is not enough of the chemical to produce unconsciousness. It is an analgesic, not an anaesthetic.

Now the odd thing is that the chemical is one of the commonest household necessities. It is a solvent and can be found as an ingredient of a number of clothes cleaning fluids.

Its name is purified trichloroethylene, or trilene for short.

Trilene analgesia was developed during the war for use by such people as commandos and air and tank crews who might suffer wounds or burns a long way from a hospital or dressing station.

The idea was British, but most of the work was carried out in South Africa.

Out of over 1,000 patients all except six per cent found that the inhaler stopped pain in surgical operations, childbirth, dental, and other medical emergencies.

Who is to be given the credit for this discovery which will benefit so many?

Turned Down

First there is a resident of Maxwell Hill, Mr. Chalmers, a chemist. In 1930 he wrote to the Medical Research Council and suggested trilene, because he had been experimenting on himself with it.

It was found by the Council's Anaesthetics Committee that the Americans had tried it out but turned it down. So the senior anaesthetist of Bart's Hospital was asked to try it out.

As a result of what he found I.C.I. made a practical contribution, and then the Cockney invention migrated to South Africa. There the senior anaesthetist of a Durban hospital carried on along with a Johannesburg instrument firm.

Various other South African doctors—and their patients, white and brown—contributed.

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American food technologist Will C. Platt, in Sydney this week to study the Australian citrus industry, was working at home on a medical preparation made from lemon peel.

U.S. doctors hoped that the new preparation would help to control some types of high blood pressure.

During the war Platt was one of the

U.S. technologists working on concentrated orange juice, which was canned and sent to England.

Said he: "Two hundred pounds of concentrated juice was equal to a ton of oranges sent as fruit."

While he is in Australia, Platt will instruct local citrus by-product makers in U.S. methods of production.



GOLF AT FANLING.—Our picture shows the British and American teams which competed last Sunday for the American Cup at Fanling. The Americans were outplayed, on Washington's Birthday! (Ming Yuen).



NEW CHIEF. President Truman congratulating America's new Chief of Staff, General Omar Bradley, after Gen. Bradley had formally taken over from General Eisenhower (centre). (A. P. Photo).



GUINEA FIGS.—Members of the crew of the submarine "Ambush" in their Arctic suits. On the left is the submarine itself, prior to departure for endurance tests in Arctic. The Ambush will remain submerged for several weeks while the effects of severe cold on vessel and crew are noted. (A. P. Photos).





W. B. Jones, Manager, and Mrs. C. I. V. Jones at a party given in honour of the Area Commander of the W.O.'s and Sergeant's Mess at Messing.



MARRIED.—Mr. Chin Yat Sun and Miss Chan Yuk Ling were married at the Registry on Saturday last. Photo shows the family group after the ceremony. (Sun Ying Ming)



DOUBLE CELEBRATION.—Photograph taken on the occasion of the wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. V. Ribeiro, and of the christening of their latest grandchild, Daniel Arthur, son of Mr. and Mrs. Reinaldo Ribeiro.



SKIPPER.—Mr. W. M. Simmons (America) and Mr. J. A. D. Morrison (Britain), captains of the rival teams in the American Cup match at Paoing. (Ming Yuen)



CHINESE ENVOY.—China's first Ambassador to Siam, Dr. Li Tieh-tseng (centre) photographed at Kai Tak when passing through on his way to Nanking to report. (China Mail photo)



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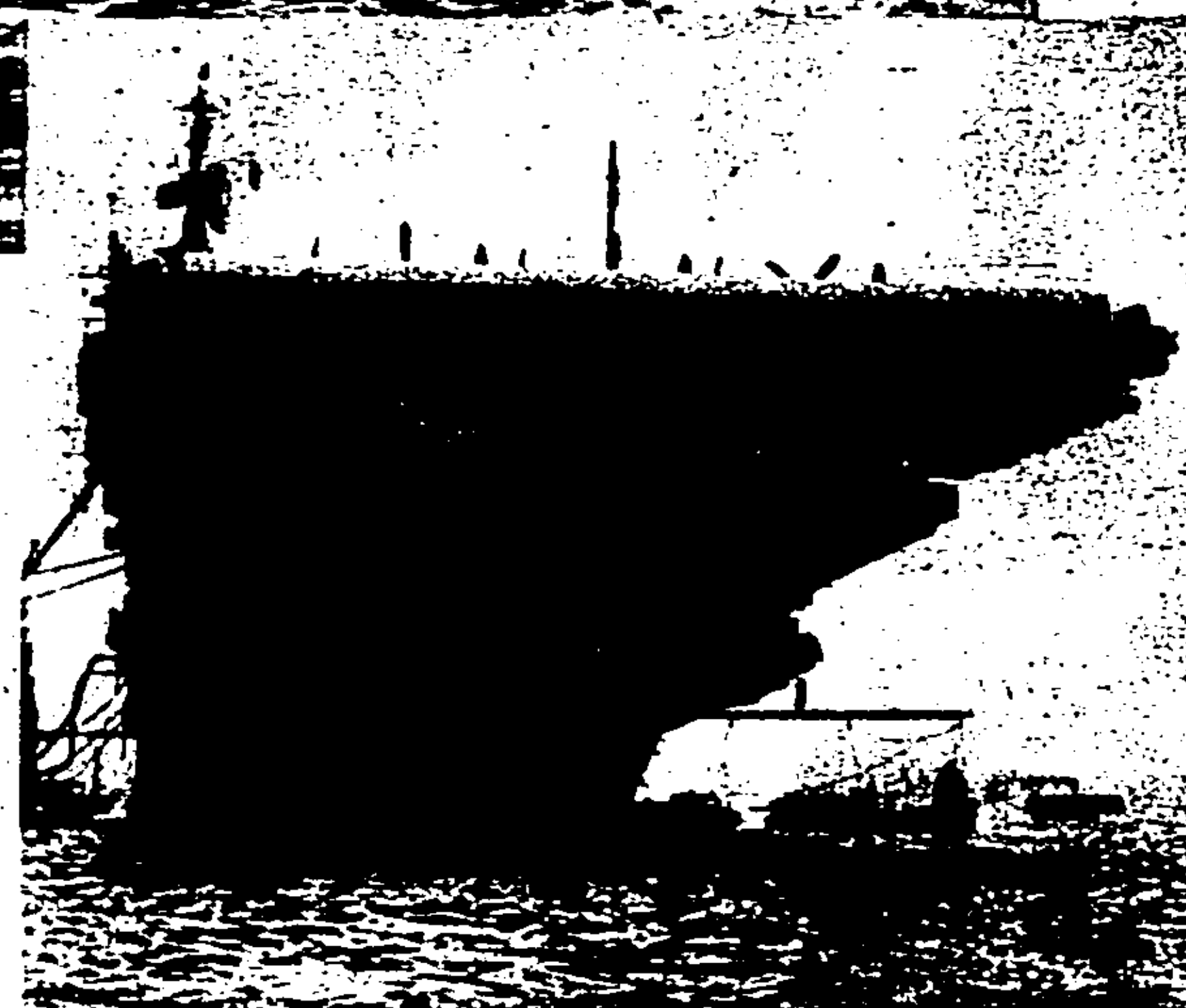
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A BIG FLAT TOP.—The American aircraft-carrier, Valley Forge, photographed above from two angles in Hong Kong harbour on her recent visit with Rear-Admiral Martin and the remainder of the ships of Task Force 38. (China Mail photos).



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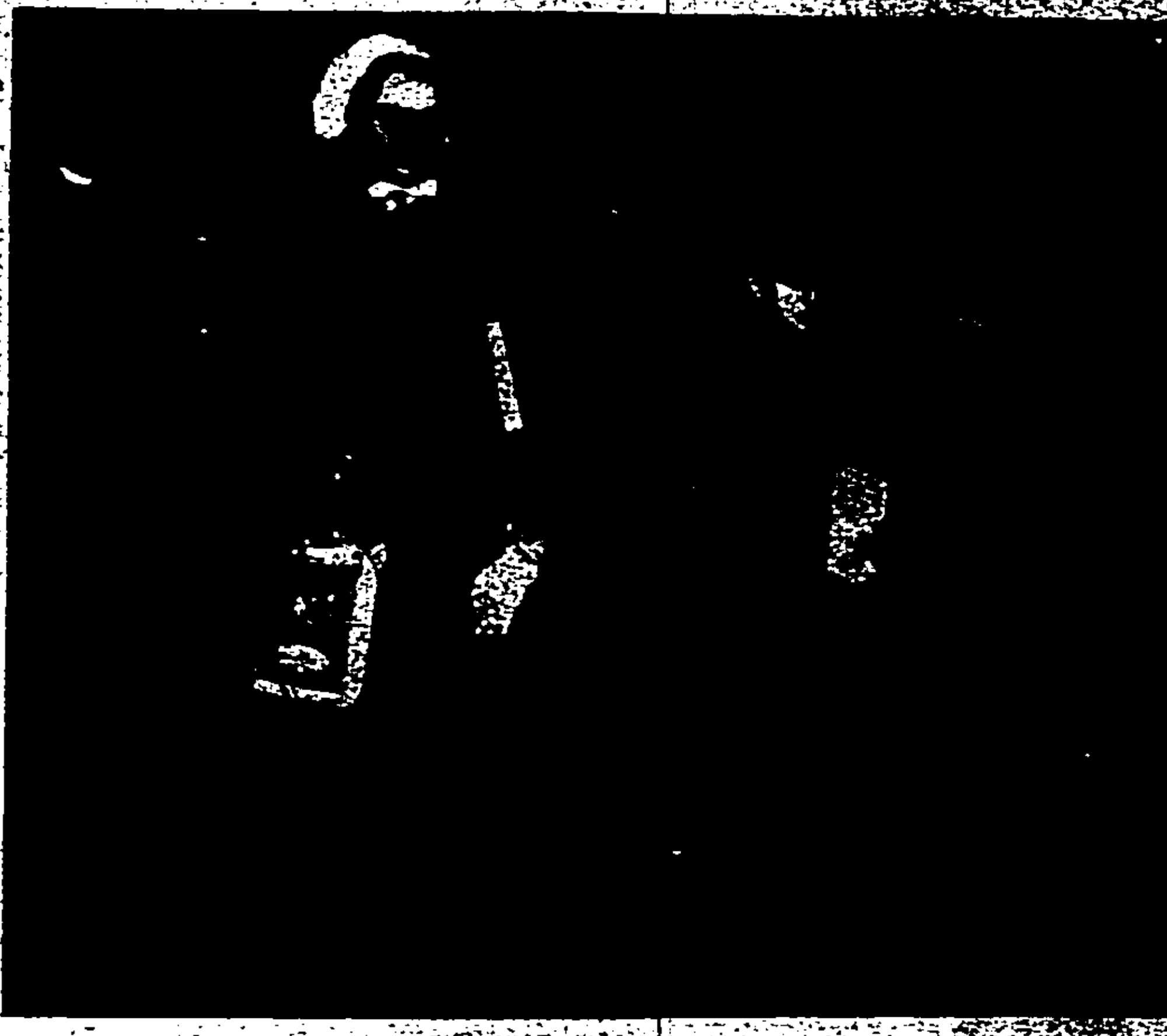
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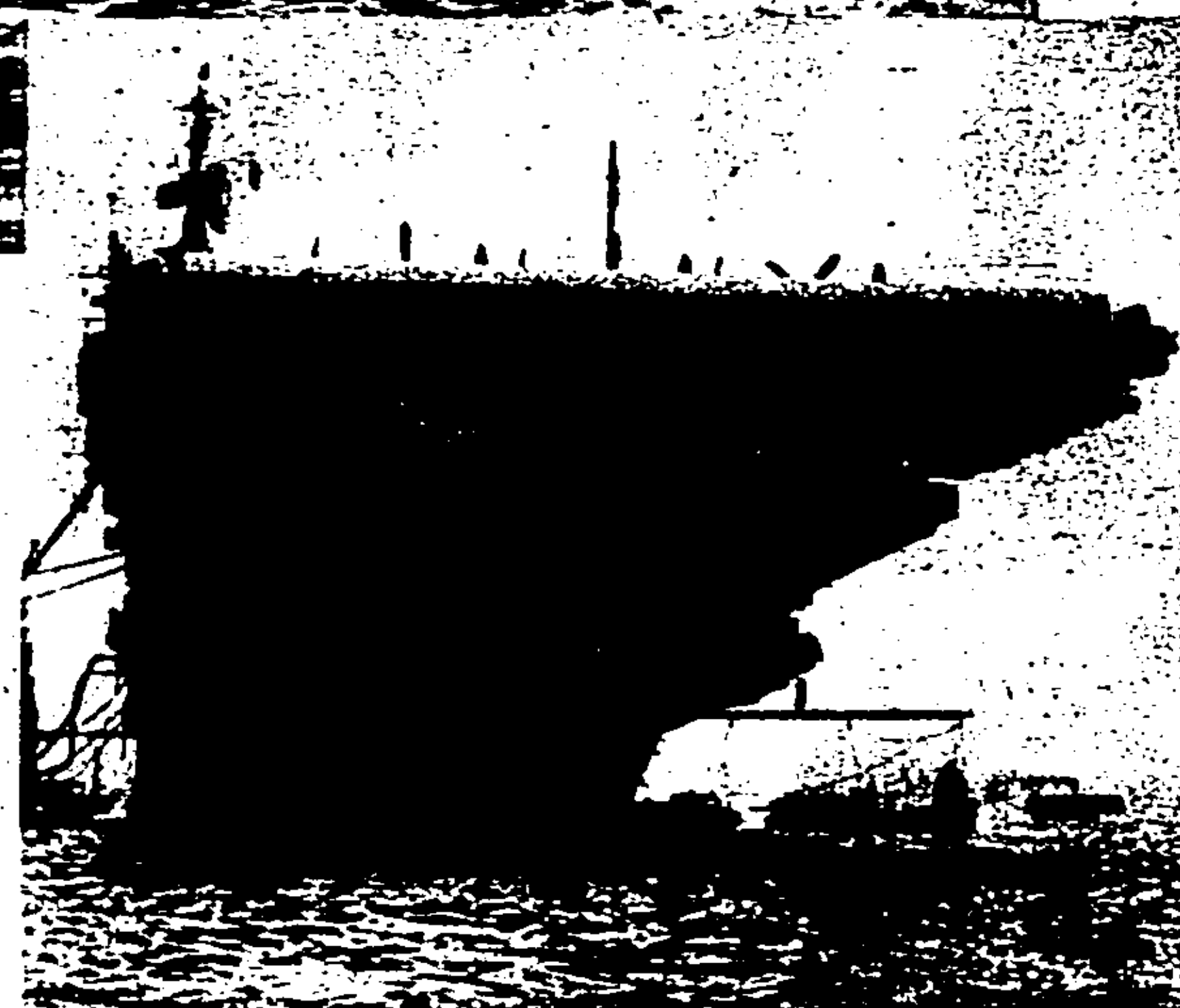
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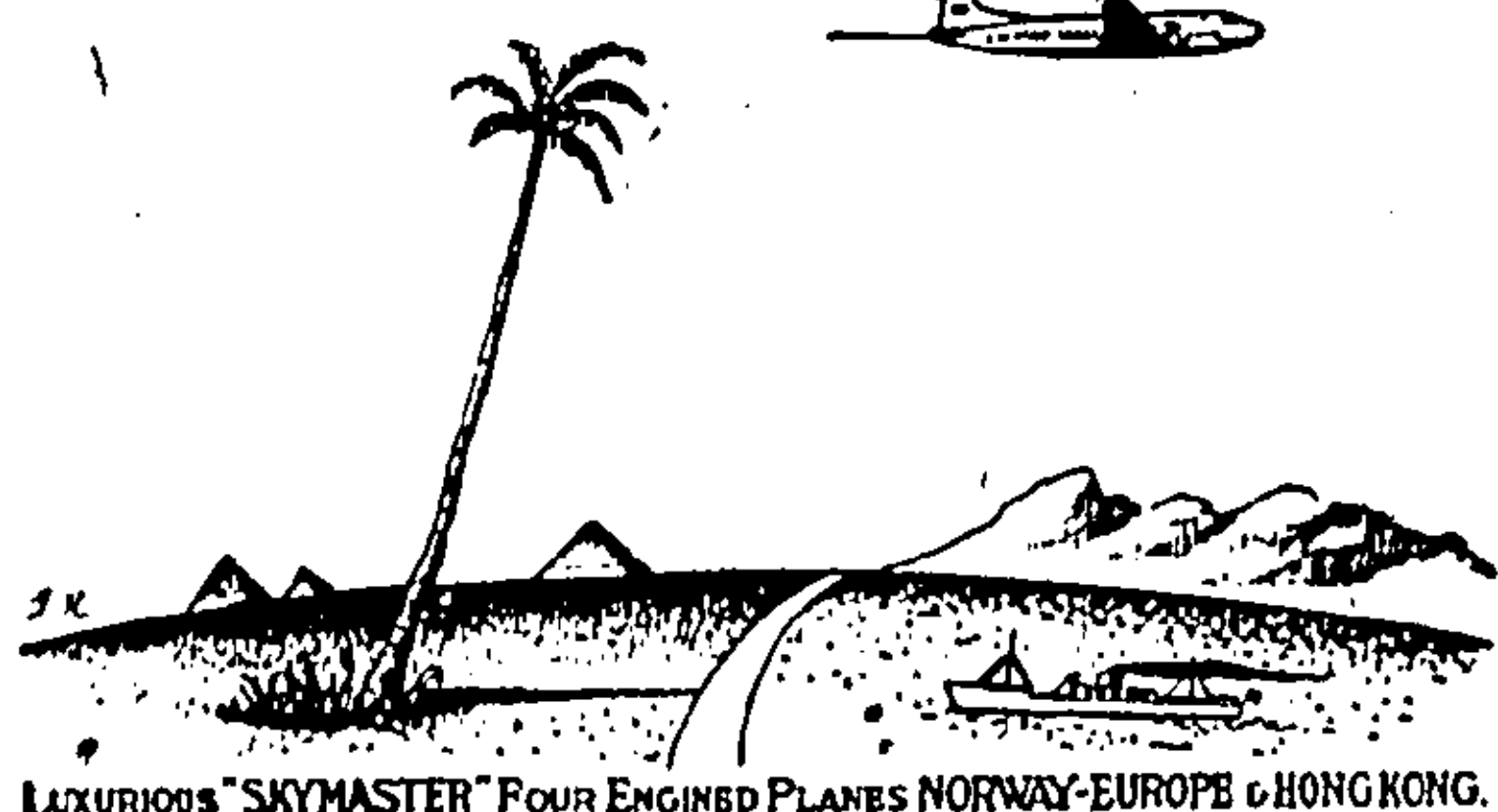
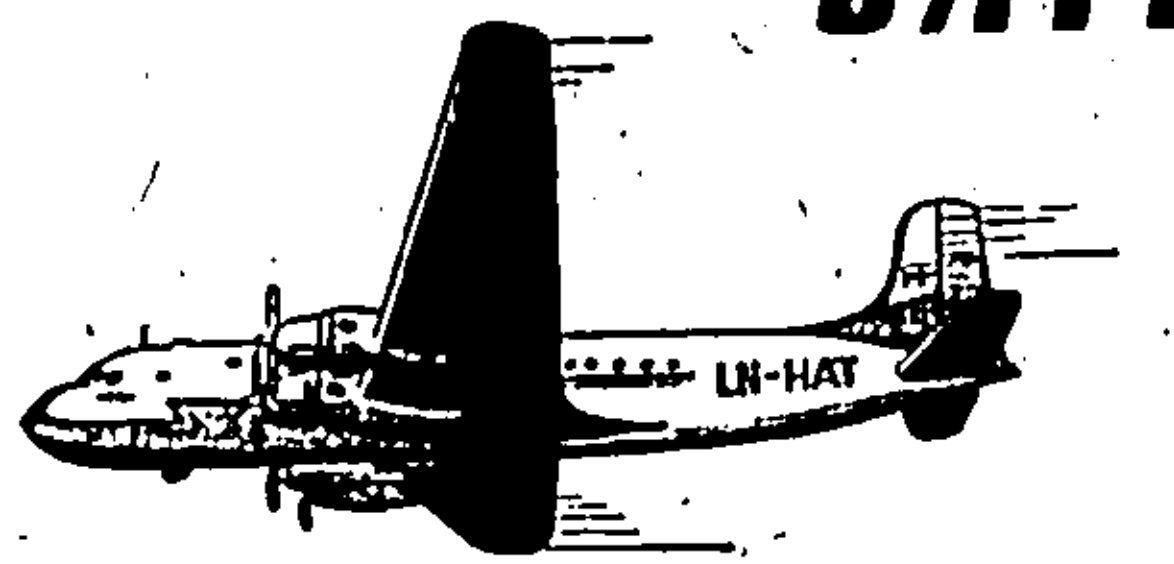


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CZECHOSLOVAKIA REPLIES TO JOINT PROTEST "No Right To Interfere"

Prague, Feb. 27.
Czechoslovakia, in a statement issued by the Czech New Agency, tonight replied to the British, French and United States joint condemnation of the political changes, declaring: "These Governments have not the slightest right to intervene, even if only by criticism, in the internal events of the country."

"The more so, as these Governments are always talking of the application in international relations of democracy, one of the most important principles of which is non-interference in the internal affairs of other states."

President Benes today administered the oath of office to the new Coalition Cabinet formed by the Communist Prime Minister, M. Klement Gottwald.

"I wish for you and the nation that this may be happy for all," President Benes declared.

The President broke his week-old silence on the Czechoslovak political crisis when he replied to the Prime Minister's thanks for the trust he has shown in the new Government.

"You want to lead the affairs of the State in new ways and in a new form of democracy," President Benes said. "For a long time, I reflected most earnestly about the crisis. I have come to the conclusion that it is necessary to accede to your proposition."

M. Gottwald, after presenting his new Ministers to the President, made a strongly worded reply to the joint Anglo-American-French note condemning the Communist action in Czechoslovakia.

He declared that with self-respect the Czechoslovak people could "reject ill-founded proclamations from abroad which are a danger to our liberty and Parliamentary methods."

"We should not accept lessons in democracy and constitutionalism from those who are responsible for Munich, who bargained about our existence with Hitlerite Germany and who wholly undemocratically and illegally tore up the treaties of alliance and friendship with Czechoslovakia," he said.

"On the contrary," he declared, "I repeat we can proudly say that we have proved again before the whole world the deep and sincere democracy of our State and our loyalty to the principles of peace and the well-being of our people."

So far, 22 of the 47 members of Parliament belonging to the People's Party (Catholics) and 19 of the 55 from the Czech Socialists have declared their support for the new Cabinet.

Purges Begin

The new Ministers were beginning work as the Communists continued to strengthen their control of the central and local Government by the appointment of action committees which they dominate.

The new Minister of Justice, Dr. A. Cepicka, has disclosed a plan for a purge of "treacherous elements" and Prague Radio announced this afternoon that 60 officials of the Ministry of Information had been dismissed.

The Radio also announced that reports from action committees in the major provincial towns said people's meetings had called for various immediate changes among towns and provincial officials. The action committees had taken it upon themselves to fulfil these demands, the Radio said.

The General Secretary of the Communist Party, M. Rudolf Slansky, forecast a purge of all reactionary elements from offices, economic and cultural enterprises, from all political parties and "all walks of life."

Editor Sacked

The Czech Socialist daily newspaper "Svoboda Slovo," which reappeared in Prague today, published on its front page a proclamation by the Party action committee to "all faithful members of the party," declaring that the party's leadership had "forfeited its right to lead."

The newspaper was one of those whose editor was dismissed during the week by the Czechoslovak Union of Journalists. The proclamation was signed by 30 members of the party, including M. Josef Dvacek, chairman of the National Constituent Assembly, and the

party's two Ministers in the new Cabinet, M. Slechta and Dr. Neuman.

The action committee of the Foreign Ministry today dismissed the Chairman of the Parliamentary Committee for Foreign Affairs, M. Ivo Duchacek, and M. Sodor Hodza, son of the late former Prime Minister.

Thirty-six Ministry employees have been sent on leave with reduced pay, 19 have been pensioned and eight have been transferred to posts of less responsibility.

Diplomats Next

The action committee will next begin a purge of diplomatic officials abroad. M. Jan Masaryk has given his consent to the changes.

The import of foreign newspapers and periodicals into Czechoslovakia will in future be the monopoly of the Government-owned Orbis firm. The only exceptions are newspapers of Allied states (by which are meant the Slav states) and technical and scientific papers.

Prague Radio announced today that a "single united modern broadcasting service which would promote the ideas of the people's democracy" would be formed, merging the Czech and Slovak broadcasting services.—Reuter.

"Free" Press?

Prague, Feb. 27.
A strong warning to foreign newspaper correspondents that action might be taken against the "spreaders of false reports" of the latest developments in Czechoslovakia was issued at a Czechoslovak Foreign Ministry press conference here today.

Dr. Kosta, of the Ministry of Information, complained about the reporting of news from Czechoslovakia during the past week. He said that Czechoslovakia had been the first State to abolish censorship after the war and had given every facility to foreign correspondents, but "reports published in the newspapers of the United States, France and Great Britain during the last few days show beyond a doubt, that the facilities granted have been abused."

"We, therefore, suggest foreign correspondents should rely mainly on the official sources which are at their disposal," he declared. "In case of further violations of international goodwill, lies and untrue reports, the Ministry of Information will have to consider taking proper measures against the offenders."

"Reds"

A spokesman of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs then complained about alleged false reports, giving as examples, such reports as the police, on student demonstrations which, he said, were untrue, the use of the word "Reds" instead of the names of the parties in headlines, a report that the Soviet Deputy Foreign Minister was in Czechoslovakia to organize a "putsch" and not to supervise grain deliveries, and reports that Czechoslovakia was being "bothered" and turned into a "police state."

It was admitted that the Ministers of Foreign Affairs and Information would be the sole judges of what was a true and what was a false report.—Reuter.

Communists Denounced

Manningtree, Feb. 27.
Cooperation with Communists is "disgraceful," Mr. Morgan Phillips, Secretary of the Labour Party declared here tonight. "They will dishonour any agreement, betray any allies whenever they feel it in their interest to do so," he said.

Socialists could not ignore the implications of "this latest demonstration of Communist double-dealing" in which their own comrades, the Czech Social Democrats, were the main target of Communist attack.—Reuter.

Wallace: "If I'd Been President."

Minneapolis, Feb. 27.
In his first direct appeal to Minnesota farmers in his Presidential campaign, Henry Wallace today claimed that if he had been President a year ago, the Communist coup in Czechoslovakia might have been averted.

"All real Americans regret it," he said, speaking of the coup and of American-Russian tension.

He said that if he had been President on the date when the Truman Doctrine was initiated last March, he would have worked for peace with Russia. "Under those circumstances,

Czechs Abroad To Carry On The Fight?

Frankfurt, Feb. 28.
Two anti-Communist Czechoslovakian politicians predicted on Friday that "some kind of committee" will be formed by Czech Democrats outside the country to "carry on the fight for Czech Democracy."

The Czech, addressing a press conference, insisted that their names should not be used "at this time" because of fear that their statements might endanger colleagues and families still in Czechoslovakia.

Charging that the Communist seizure of power was done illegally by brutal and terroristic methods, they urged that the United States refuse to recognize the new Communist controlled regime in Czechoslovakia.

The two politicians would not go so far as to call the Committee a "Government in exile" like that set up in London during the German occupation of Czechoslovakia.

"We realise only too well the difficulties of forming such a Government," they said.

Many Will Escape

Many anti-Communist Czech leaders will succeed in escaping from Czechoslovakia despite the present heavy armed guard thrown up along the border, they asserted.

"Then certainly there will be some kind of committee formed but just what or where we cannot, of course, say at this time," they said.

The spokesman said they came out of Czechoslovakia legally on a news reporting

P.I. Ban On Return Of Chinese

Manila, Feb. 28.
The Vice-President and Secretary of Foreign Affairs, Mr. Elpidio Quirino, today rejected a petition seeking permission for the mass return to the Philippines of some 3,000 Chinese who lived in this country before the war.

The petition was presented by Mr. Denzil Clarke, adviser to the United National International Refugee Organization. Mr. Clarke is leaving today for Geneva to report on the result of his mission.

This Foreign Department's decision prohibits the return of Chinese not considered "returning residents" under the law. They may, however, be admitted under a quota system allowing 500 Chinese yearly or as temporary visitors or students.

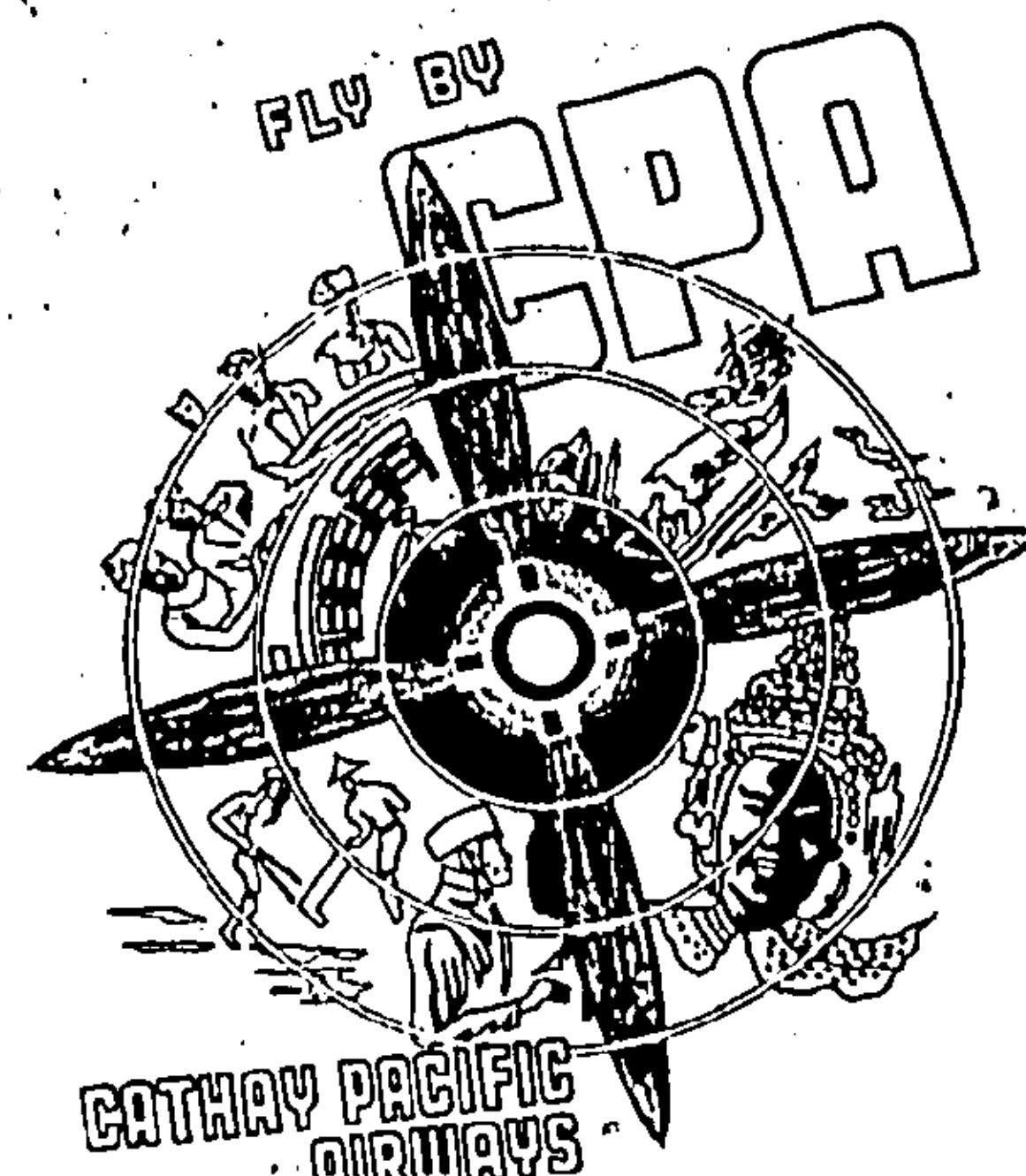
"Our people are barely recovering from the effects and ravages of war," said Mr. Quirino, "and for the Government to permit at this time the mass immigration of former Chinese residents would set back whatever progress we made in economic rehabilitation."

He then explained: "After so many years' absence from the Philippines and the subsequent loss of business and family ties, the Chinese may find himself more displaced here than in China."

Mr. Quirino added that conditions in the Philippines were not the same as in Burma, Malaya and other countries where Chinese form almost an indigenous part of the population.—United Press.

the unfortunate Czechoslovakian situation might have been averted," said Mr. Wallace.—United Press.

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The Next Step...?

Washington, Feb. 28.
State Department experts predicted today that Russia's next step toward the "consolidation" of Western Europe may be the incorporation of some satellites into the Soviet Union.

Experts based the prediction partly on diplomatic reports from Western Europe, indicating that such a course may have been set by Soviet leaders. Such a development probably will not occur until after the Spring elections in countries like Czechoslovakia and perhaps after moves to convert Finland into a totally Communist-controlled state.

The United States, British, and France are trying to stiffen the backbone of Western Europe in face of the Communist coup in Czechoslovakia and prospects of a Red threat elsewhere. The possibility of a Russian incorporation of Eastern European countries in the USSR as "autonomous" republics like White Russia, the Ukraine or the three Baltic states is still in the conjecture stage.

But experts here say that the Russians may find it easier to manage such countries by doing so. It would show the Kremlin to move Soviet troops into them as well as the secret Soviet police.

France—one of the signatories of yesterday's Three-Power denunciation of the new Czech Government—probably is high on the list for renewed Communist agitation this spring. Both France and Italy are expected to be the major targets for Communist moves.—United Press.



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RUSSIA ASKS FINLAND FOR MUTUAL AID PACT FEAR AND PESSIMISM IN HELSINKI

Helsinki, Feb. 27.
The Soviet Union has asked Finland to join her in a pact of mutual assistance "as quickly as possible," it was announced here today. M. Paasikivi, the President of the Finnish Republic, and the Finnish Cabinet today discussed the Soviet request, which was contained in a note handed to the Finnish Government yesterday. A Reuter despatch from Stockholm said political circles in the Swedish capital considered the request for Finland "to take all measures necessary" for a pact as a directive to Finland's Parliament.

Under the Constitution, neither the President nor the Government can conclude a military pact with a foreign power without Parliament's permission after a full debate.

Only the "People's Democrats," a union of Communists and the Leftwing of the Social Democratic Party, with 49 seats in Parliament, have favoured a military agreement with Russia, the Stockholm despatch continued. This represents about one-fifth of a House which includes 50 Social Democrats, 49 Farmers, 28 Conservatives, nine Liberals and 14 People's Party.

Parliament may authorise the Government to accept Russia's request for the sake of good relations, a point upon which all parties are agreed. Reports here last month forecast that Finland was likely to be drawn into Russia's system of defensive alliances with her neighbours.

The reports quoted diplomatic circles for the view that Russia's demands would include the establishment of a Soviet Army mission in Finland, the standardisation of warships for Russia.

Not Unexpected

Russia's request was not unexpected by diplomatic observers in London.

Official disclaimers in Helsinki of earlier reports that there had been preliminary approaches for a treaty never removed the impression that the strong Finnish mission to Moscow last November was the forerunner of an agreement on the pattern of those concluded by the Soviet Union with her other western neighbours.

The arrival in Helsinki last month of Lieutenant General G. M. Savonenkov, the new Soviet Ambassador to Finland, was widely interpreted inside and outside Finland as the beginning of a new phase in post-war Russo-Finnish relations.

The appointment of a Russian military attaché to Finland for the first time since the war was seen as confirmation of Soviet interest in the evolution of Finland's armed forces and defences.—Reuter.

Fear Pessimism

Helsinki, Feb. 27.
Fear and pessimism spread to Finland today with the news that Marshal Stalin wants to

DETAILS OF SECRET SINO-U.S. PACT

Washington, Feb. 28.
Government officials today disclosed a long-secret agreement, under which the United States committed herself to provide China with a first line air force of 1,071 planes, including heavy bombers and fighters. The officials revealed that 936 aircraft already had been delivered to Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek's Nationalist Government, which is locked in civil war with the Chinese Communists.

The remaining 135 planes have been earmarked for delivery at a later date. They will include 27 B-17s, 42 P-47, ("Thunderbolt") fighters, 53 P-51 ("Mustang") fighters and three C-46 transports.

In addition, US\$178,000,000 worth of air force equipment, including spare parts, remain to be shipped to China. Planes still awaiting delivery cost the United States about US\$121,000,000. They will be sold to China for US\$72,000,000.

When completed, the hitherto secret programme will give the Chinese government an air force comprising one heavy bombardment group, one medium bombardment group, four single-engine fighter group, two troops-carrier groups and one photo-reconnaissance squadron.

Under the agreement, which was initiated before the end of the war and classified Top Secret, the United States pledged itself to help China maintain and establish an air force roughly equal to that of such European powers as Spain, Yugoslavia and Turkey.

All types still to be delivered were used by the United States Air Forces during World War II, but now have been more or less outmoded by the development of superbombers and jet fighters.

Clamour

Administration officials took the secrecy-wraps off the project in answer to the clamour of Republican members of Congress for more military aid to China.

Republican leaders in the House and Senate had criticized the US\$470,000,000 China aid programme, proposed by the administration last week, on the grounds that it provided only economic help to Chiang Kai-shek's puppet-ruled regime. The Secretary of State (Mr. George Marshall) during the Congress to act quickly on the secret-

No Approach To Norway

Oslo, Feb. 28.
Public Relations Chief Jens Schive, of Norway's Foreign Department, said on Friday that "as far as I know" there has been no official approach to Norway about any kind of pact with the Soviet Union similar to the one asked for in Helsinki. Schive said he personally thought it "very unlikely" that any such action would be taken towards Norway.—Associated Press.

Link Finland in a chain of mutual defence pacts.

Many Finns expressed the hope their Parliamentary freedoms would not be interfered with, but they feared they might be extinguished. The general mood was one of resigned tranquillity.

Sources close to the Government said Stalin had sent a diplomatic note to President Paasikivi pressing for conclusion in the nearest future of a defence treaty similar to that with all Russia's other neighbours on the west.

Soviet Foreign Minister V. M. Molotov, in signing a treaty with Hungary on February 29, said a barrier against "imperial states" now existed in "pacts of friendship and mutual assistance with all states on (Russia's) Western frontier from the Black Sea to the Baltic."

A Finnish pact would extend the line beyond the Baltic.

The sources said the note was delivered on Monday—even as Czechoslovak Communists under the leadership of Premier Gottwald were on the homestretch of their drive for a new Government.—Associated Press.

ITALIANS TO ATTEND TUC TALKS

Rome, Feb. 27.
Christian Democrat, Republican and break-away Socialist representatives are expected to attend the London Marshall Plan Conference organised by the Trade Union Movement.

Communists and Leftwing Socialists, who are in a majority in the Italian Executive Trade Union Committee, carried a majority vote agreeing to refer the matter to the decision of M. Louis Sallant, Secretary General of the World Federation of Trade Unions, who is due in Milan for a brief visit tomorrow.

The minority in the Committee argued that M. Sallant would advise against attendance. Signor Pastore, the Christian Democrat trade union leader, told the press: "Food and jobs for Italian workers are at stake. Those who believe Italian workers should be represented in London will go anyway." Communist trade union circles indicated that attendance in London by the minority section would not be regarded as a split within the Italian movement, but they said that minority representatives must not claim to represent the Italian Confederation.—Reuter.

Britain Accuses Russia

Vienna Feb. 27.
Britain accused the Russians in the Allied Control Council here today of not wishing to reveal the extent of the property they were now removing or intended to remove from Austria as war booty.

Making the accusation, Lieutenant General Alexander Galloway, the British High Commissioner, spoke of the damaging effects of the continued removals of property from the overstrained Austrian economy.

The Soviet delegate refused to join in a discussion of a British proposal that the Allied commanders should furnish the Austrian Government before March 15 with a full and final list of properties in their own zones which would be disposed of as war booty.

General Galloway insisted, in spite of the Soviet attitude, that the British element intended to furnish a list for the British Zone and appealed to the other Allied commanders to do the same.—Reuter.

support of China's military, political or economic life.

Mr Marshall told one Congressional Committee yesterday that United States military help to China was already far greater than generally understood—apart from the embargo on shipments of arms to China from summer 1946 until last summer.

Mr Marshall himself ordered the embargo in a vain effort to enforce a truce on the warring Nationalist and Communist forces. His peace mission to China ended in failure, however, and he revoked the embargo.—United Press.

Mattress, Pillows In Divorce Court

London, Feb. 27.
A cream-coloured mattress and two green pillows were produced in the Divorce Court here today as evidence that Lady Campbell, third wife of the famous racing motorist, Sir Malcolm Campbell, had committed adultery in her London flat with a French count.

Sir Malcolm, who divorced both his former wives, was granted a decree nisi. Lady Campbell and Andre Louis, Comte de La Salle, of Paris, defended the suit, denying adultery. The evidence was that Lady Campbell had spent much time with the count during a trip to Paris in the early spring of 1946 and that he had subsequently spent three weeks at her London flat. Sir Campbell testified that he had gone to the flat early one morning with two inquiry agents and had found his wife in bed partially clothed and the count in the bathroom with a towel round him. The agents testified that the bed, on display in the court room, had been used by two persons. Sir Malcolm and Lady Campbell were married at a Registry Office at Chelsea, London, in August, 1945. Both had been married before and both had substantial incomes, the judge said. At the time they were married, there seemed no doubt that Sir Malcolm was devoted to his wife. They separated briefly in the autumn of 1945; there was a reconciliation, and then Lady Campbell went away again. She did not tell him the reasons for her trip to Paris, Sir Malcolm said.—Reuter.

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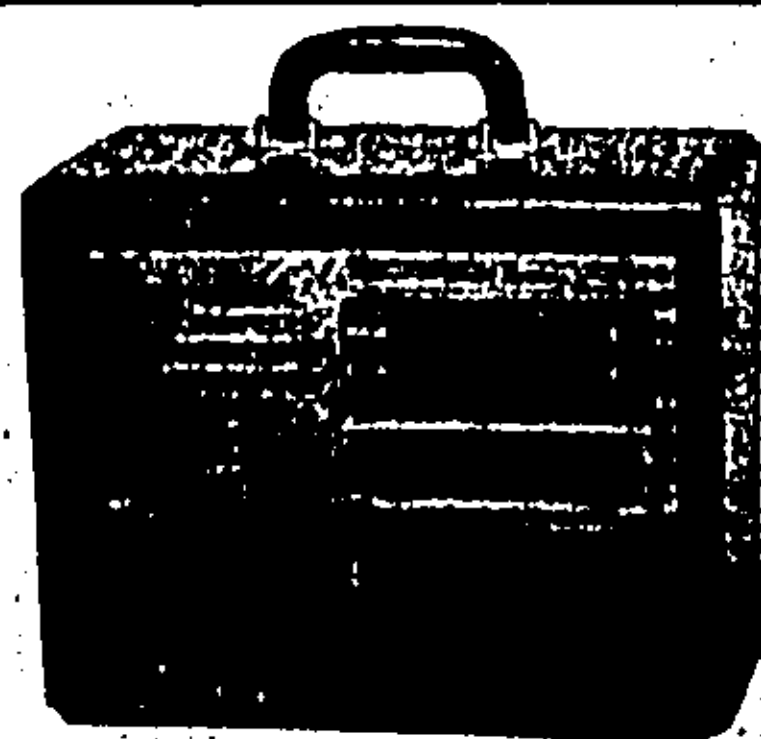
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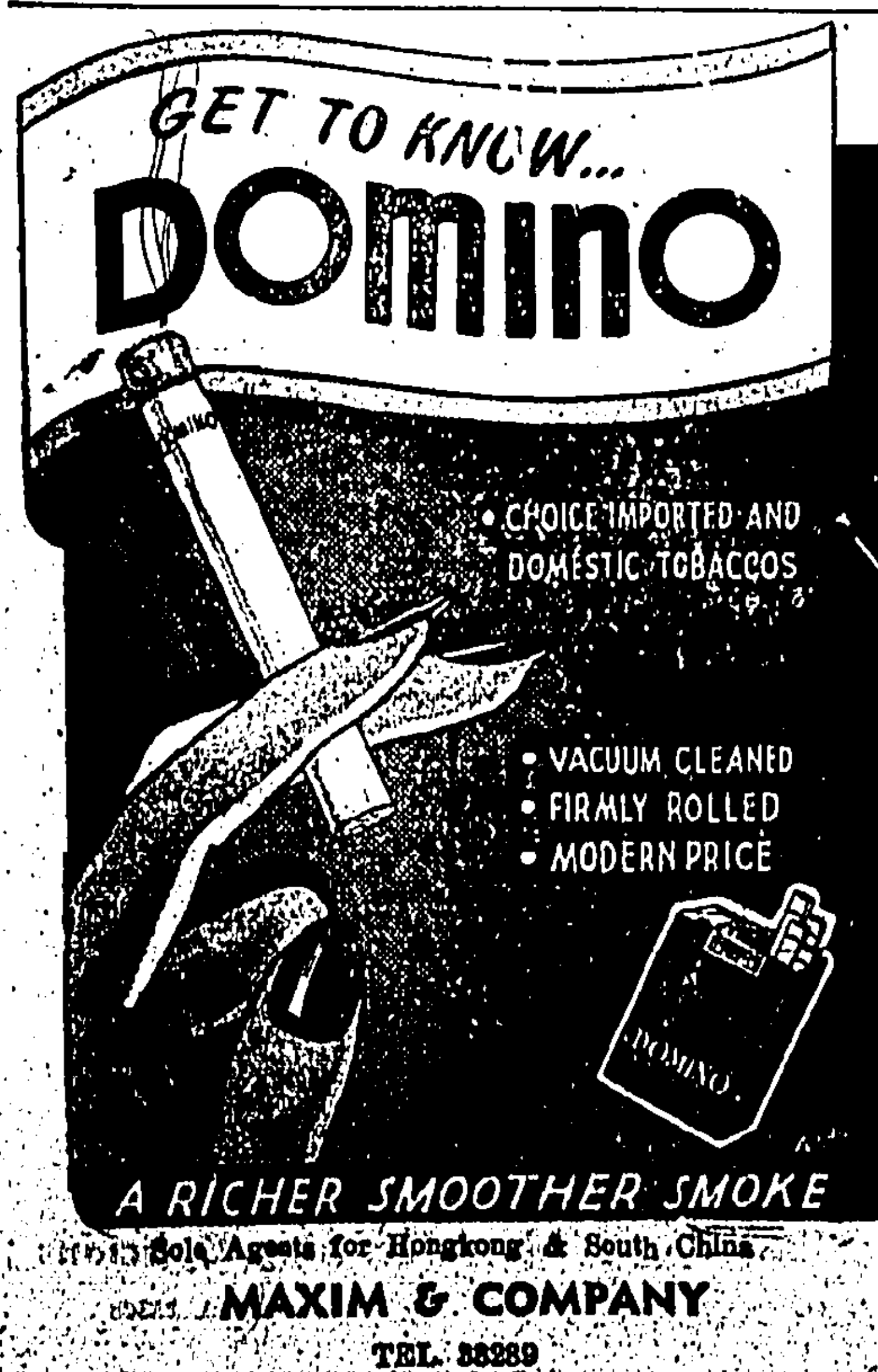
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MAINLY ABOUT PEOPLE

By Margaret Bradbury



Mr. F. J. Bedford, President of the Atlas Supply Co., headed the list of American businessmen who arrived in Hong Kong on Wednesday on their round-the-world flight.

BOUND FOR AMERICA

The many friends of Mr. Denys Ding, Assistant Manager of the British American Tobacco Company in Hong Kong, will regret to learn that he left the Colony yesterday by P.A.L. plane for America to consult with special agents before undergoing an internal operation. Mr. Ding will remain away until the autumn and spend most of that time in America. Before he arrived here in November 1945 with the R.A.F., Mr. Ding was flying with the British 52 Squadron on "over the hump" flights between Calcutta and Kunming. He first came out to China in 1940 and was in Hankow in 1940 when he decided to join the R.A.F. From there Mr. Ding went to England and later became a flying instructor in America for six months. He was then posted on night fighting expeditions in the Mediterranean area until 1943-44 when he joined the R.A.F. Transport Squadron flying in China. Flying is part of Mr. Ding's background, as his father was a test pilot during the last war. On his way to America

Mr. Ding will spend four days in Honolulu.

REPRESENTS 17,000 CLUBS

At present visiting Hong Kong is Mrs. Ambrose N. Diehl, President of the International Council of Women in America which has 17,000 affiliated clubs throughout the U.S.A. Mrs. Diehl, who is carrying out a Pan American world tour, is gathering and distributing news throughout the various countries about women's international activities towards promoting internal peace and understanding. After leaving America on the 1st of January, Mrs. Diehl exchanged views with women's clubs and groups in London and Germany, where she said: "All the women of the occupied zones were doing a great deal of well organized welfare work." Mrs. Diehl then flew to Istanbul where she found that the women of that country have only in the last two years been permitted by their Government to form women's groups and organisations. "They are" she said "very eager and interested to know how they can become acquainted with women's social work activities in other parts of the world."

Before arriving in Hong Kong, Mrs. Diehl stayed for nearly a month in Delhi where she was the guest of the American Ambassador and his wife, and also was in the city at the time Mahatma Gandhi was assassinated. Among the prominent social workers she met in that country was Lady Mountbatten who took her on a tour of the refugee camps in the city which deal with 200,000 refugees. Of these camps Mrs. Diehl commented: "They are very well organised and I felt that the refugees were in many instances getting better care and better food than they had in their own native village."

Mrs. Diehl yesterday visited the Hong Kong Women's Council Headquarters and also the Women's International Club premises in the Gloucester Hotel. She will leave Hong Kong tomorrow on her way to Shanghai, Tokyo, Honolulu and San Francisco. During her tour Mrs. Diehl is sending bulletins to the American Women's Clubs giving them day to day information on what the women in other parts of the world are doing.

GOING ON LEAVE

Mrs. E. H. Williams, wife of Hong Kong's Chief Justice is now on her way to England to begin a long vacation. She will be joined by her husband in a few months' time as the Chief Justice is expected to start leave in July. Mr. Williams first arrived in Hong Kong in January 1924. During the occupation he was incarcerated in Shamshulpo for a year and then for another three years.



MR. DENYS DING.

In Japan where he was forced to work in a shipyard as a fitter. Mr. and Mrs. Williams returned



Chinese Ambassador to Siam, Dr. Li Tien-tseng, who passed through the Colony this week on his way to Nanking. (China Mail photo.)

to England for a short holiday after the liberation, and returned here in April 1946.

FROM HERE AND THERE

I hear that the Hong Kong & Shanghai Bank has recently acquired some interest in property at the corner of Argyle Street and Nathan Road with a view to building there. It has not yet been decided on the nature of the premises to be erected but there is, however, no truth in the rumour that the Bank was considering transferring its Kowloon branch from the Peninsula Hotel.

Mr. H. A. Angus of the Colonial Secretariat, and Mrs. Angus left Hong Kong this morning on the "Shanghai" for Australia where they intend to spend six months' leave.

Following the annual meeting of the Hong Kong & Shanghai Bank to be held on March 5th, Mr. Arthur Morse, Chairman, will leave for America, where he will spend a part of his holiday.

Members of the Portuguese community in the Colony will be interested to know that the 4th session of the Portuguese Institute is scheduled to take place on the 4th March at the Club Lusitano when a lecture will be delivered by the Vice-Chancellor of the Hong Kong University, Mr. D. J. Sloss.

Greetings and good wishes to all members of the Hong Kong Council of Women have been received by its Chairman, Mrs. W. D. Calcraft, from Mrs. Hunter-Brown who was instrumental in forming the Council here. She is at present doing a lecture tour in America. Through Mrs. Hunter-Brown also, the Hong Kong Council has received a letter from Baroness Poi Boel, the President of the International Women's Council welcoming Hong Kong as a new group and wishing them success in their work. A similar letter from the National Council of Women in Great Britain has also been received in which they offer any help or assistance which might be needed.

MEN, WOMEN AND MEMORIES

By ATTICUS

I have a friend who lives in the West Country and has a small plot near Bath. He sends me a question of the "Do You Know" order: "When and where did Mr. Churchill make his first political speech?"

Although I have been a keen student of Mr. Churchill's brilliant and many-sided career, I could not supply the answer. Reference to intellects superior to my own produced a similar vein, or at best a hazardous guess of oldham. I have, therefore, turned the quiz into a claim.

My friend's shoot is close to Claverton Manor, a country house now converted into a school of domestic science for women. The house bears a bronze plaque with the words: "Here on July 28, 1897, Winston Spencer Churchill made his first political speech."

Mr. Churchill was then 22, and was a soldier at that time, but I have hopes that the story is correct. I am, however, prepared for other claims and even a denial—but the plaque, at any rate, is a fact.

Ascendant Africa

Africa will be the economic life-belt of whatever scheme of Western Union may come into being and is therefore a centre of attraction to all far-seeing people. Indeed, so large is the influx of important British visitors to Central Africa just now that the accommodation of the various Government Houses is being severely taxed.

The object of the most active interest is Southern Rhodesia, where special guests at the moment include Mr. Henry Marquand, the Paymaster-General, and Sir Earle Page, the Australian politician. Lord McGowan, whose visit to Africa I mentioned last week, and Lord Elton, secretary of the Rhodes Trust, are due shortly. Other recent visitors have been Lord Maugham and Sir Frank Newnes. Sir Miles Thomas, whose De-

velopment Co-ordinating Commission has made rapid progress, is said to favour the economic integration of the Central African territories.

Soldier, Author And Governor

These visitors help to keep busy Sir John Kennedy, the Governor of Southern Rhodesia, whom Whitehall at least will remember better as Director of Military Operations and Assistant Chief of the Imperial General Staff during the war. He belongs to the imperturbable type of soldier and combines modesty with a first-class brain. The Navy will no doubt claim credit for him, because he began his career at Dartmouth and switched to the Army in the first world war.

He was a dangerous man to bet with, for his judgment was shrewd. During the recent war he used to lunch frequently at the Carlton Grill. One day when the Russians were pressing on to Warsaw and the Anglo-Americans were still far from Paris, he bet me that we should be in Paris before the Russians were in Warsaw. It looked a good bet. I took it and, of course, lost.

In the midst of his other activities he is now trying to commit to coherent form the personal memoranda which he made during the war. He knows many of the policy decisions, which led up to policy decisions, which led up to policy decisions, which led up to policy decisions. I doubt if the public will see them. Unlike most authors, he thinks that his material should be reserved for future students of the psychology of military leaders.

Selamat Jalan

Mr. Malcolm MacDonald, who spent a strenuous month in London seeing the new Constitution for the Malayan Federation through, has left for Canada. He is in poor health, and his holiday might properly be called sick leave.

He has had a particularly trying time in Malaya, where he has had to wrestle not only with the early post-war blunders, of the Colonial Office, but also with a ridiculously top-heavy super-structure of administration, of which he had no idea at the time when he accepted his appointment as Governor-General. He has emerged from his difficult task with the greatest credit and won the esteem and affection of British, Malaya, and Chinese.

In a country where the Chinese threaten to swamp the Malays, the Chinese are not too pleased with Mr. MacDonald's solution, which separates Malaya from the predominantly Chinese Singapore. Nevertheless, it was from an important Singapore Chinese lawyer that I recently heard the highest tribute to Mr. MacDonald. Everyone interested in

Malaya will wish Mr. MacDonald "Selamat Jalan" ("May your journey be blessed") on his journey to Canada, and a speedy and safe return. If his work becomes less burdensome, as indeed it should, he will find one relaxation in Malaya. As a keen and expert ornithologist he will have a new and attractive bird life to study.

Vegetarian Unpunctuality

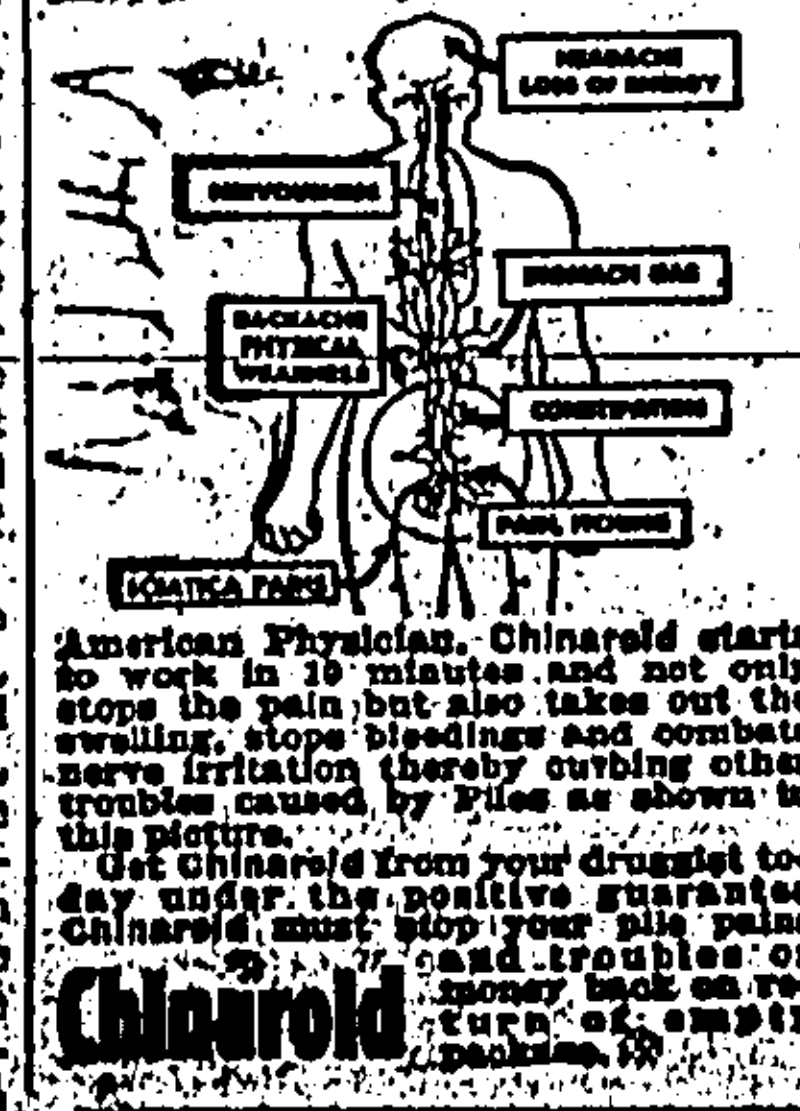
Sir Stafford Cripps, the Minister behind the Government's campaign against the "vicious spiral", is respected by members of all parties and, indeed, all who know him, for his intellect, his fearlessness, and his high principles. They have perhaps less admiration for his vegetarianism. After all, we were once a beef-eating nation, and most of us would be inclined to agree with what Mr. Bevin used to say: "Cripps and Lindemann (now Lord Cherwell) are vegetarians. One smokes and doesn't drink, the other drinks and doesn't smoke. I never know who does what and which is the greater offender."

In this connection I remember a good story of the war which I imagine at the time had a restricted circulation. Mr. Churchill had called one of his after-dinner War Cabinets. It assembled punctually, but Sir Stafford and Lord Cherwell were late. For several minutes there was casual conversation while Mr. Churchill waited patiently. Then the two late-comers arrived. Mr. Churchill cocked his eye at them for a second, then with a grim smile delivered himself of a rebuke which should become classic:

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RUSSIAN WOMEN PUT UTILITY BEFORE FEMININITY

by Jessie Ash Arndt.
of The Christian Science Monitor

Feminine frills are coming back to favour in Russia, but they take second place with Russia's women to education and rehabilitation.

Two years and a half in Russia may not bring the accurate knowledge of the country that the same period of residence would afford in some other land, but it has given one young Canadian woman an interesting insight into the lives of the Russian people.

Miss Josephine T. Millar of Winnipeg, who was in Moscow as a secretary in the office of the Canadian Embassy for that period, has returned with a better understanding of the Russians and their viewpoint.

Miss Millar felt strongly attracted to the Russian people and found her attention drawn to many aspects of life there.

Flying to Moscow from Canada by way of Siberia, she found the people in Moscow still carrying the heavy burden of their part in the war. The burden of misery which they experienced then is still noticeable, especially among the older people.

The goal of the nation is, however, to put the past behind and to look entirely to the future. In their victory celebrations, future goals are always held before the people.

Feminine Frills Return

The women of Russia, Miss Millar discovered, no longer scorn feminine frills such as lipstick, rouge, and nail polish, although there is a group of young girls in the Communist youth organizations who appear to pride themselves on wearing no make-up and touching neither liquor or cigarettes.

The fact that beauty parlors are a good business in Russia now, and that furs, velvets, and jewels appear at the opera and the theater does not denote a return to plenty in the country. Miss Millar believes, but rather a change in the general attitude toward a manner of dress which was once derided as a symbol of luxury.

Intensely proud of the accomplishments of their own country, the Russian people are developing their own styles in women's clothing. An art committee passes on designs and those accepted are presented in fashion shows at stated seasons to introduce them to the women.

There is emphasis now on grace of line, says Miss Millar, and utility and suitability to climate are also prime con-

siderations. The materials are of good quality.

There are many dressmaking establishments, and Miss Millar

Holiday Dinner Dress



A dinner dress reserved for special occasions should be well-chosen and elegant. It may have a romantic swirling skirt or a tunic bodice and sunburst pleats from top to ankle. It may be a black suit with a full pleated skirt and embroidery trimming. It may be of tulle or velvet combined with brocade.

But it must be becoming in colour, flattering to your most becoming good look. There is a seductively moulded look embodying these virtues about this white beaded crepe dress on Gloria Graham, one of RKO Radio's brightest hopes for 1948. The neck is high, and the sleeves are short. Most effective feature is the way it outlines the figure, which must be good to wear it well. Added advantage is the fact that heavy beading provides glamour at the same time saving you jewellery expense.

PARIS SPRING COLLECTIONS

Paris (AP). Worth, one of the oldest fashion names of Paris, has based his Spring collection on a half-open tulip silhouette.

He achieves this by minimizing the waist and padding the hips.

The silhouette, however, is not exaggerated, and his clothes are simple and easy to wear.

Excellent colour combinations and lavish use of flowers and fruit as trimmings inject a touch of Spring into the white collection.

Skirts, which are a moderate 12 or 13 inches from the ground, are very full, seldom pencil-lined. Suits, both slightly tailored and "dressy", come with youthful blouses of Swiss dotted cotton, organdie, linen and lace, often with gloves to match.

He brightens navy blue dresses with lace trimmings. A few have heavy lace jabots which cascade from neck to mid-thigh level. Heavy eyelet embroidery is used to turn plain suits into "dressy" ones.

Aprons are used extensively. One cotton garden dress of grass green, white and rose stripes has an inset corslet of deep rose linen, with an apron which lifts to reveal a kangaroo pouch pocket.

An evening dress of white organdie has three overlapping aprons which are pin tucked. An immense garland of bright yellow kingcups is tucked beneath the hem of the middle one.

Worth introduces "two purpose" dresses for evening. One is a combination of black, white and broderie anglaise. The other comes with a calf-length full skirt, and broderie anglaise set in at the sleeves and bustline. This is draped over a ground length full skirt of broderie anglaise.

Floral designs take a prominent place in the collection. Bright pink kid shoes fastening around the ankles with matching ballet shoe laces were worn with many of the dresses.

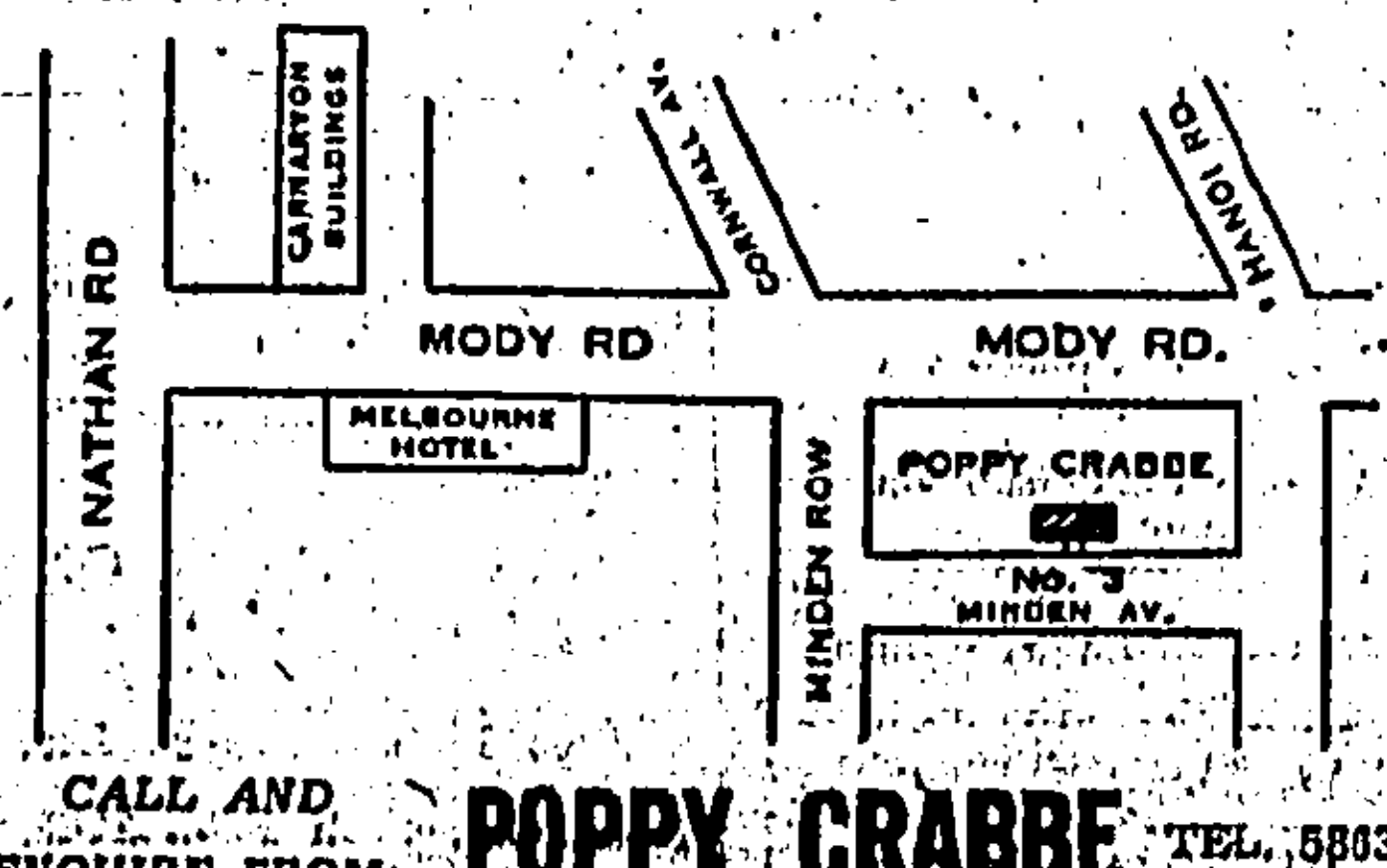
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found that the suit she had made in one of them was superbly finished, but that the fit was not correct, according to Western standards.

Folk Designs Forgotten

There may be found some traditional folk designs in embroidery on women's clothes, but Miss Millar felt that comparatively little was used, considering the beauty of it. In the children's clothes, however, these folk designs appear with lovely effect.

The care given to the children's clothes is characteristic of the attitude toward children in the Soviet Union. Regarding them as the future of the nation, Soviet leaders make many material provisions for them.

Each factory and office building provides a nursery where the mothers may leave their children during working hours, for practically all the mothers work. Special ratings are given for the children, and education is provided for them at all ages, of course, in line with Soviet doctrines.

The structure of the educational system, Miss Millar

found deserving of attention. Aptitude and ability determine opportunity for advanced education and politics may also play a role.

Latest Education

Should a young person qualify for university training under this plan, but prove unable to make the grade in the prescribed period, he would be obliged to drop out so another could take his place who could measure up. The student who was thus disqualified would go to work at a trade for which he was trained, but would not lose his opportunity for further study.

Often young people of a younger or less-than-average ability are trained in just one simple skill, Miss Millar learned; but it is considered that they are thus equipped to be useful members of the group. This is the goal rather than to develop the individual and his initiative.

Anyone with an aptitude in these arts may compete in try-outs and be given training if he proves talented. Education is the main way a peasant or a worker can come up into the realm of the more privileged class. It is the aim of mothers, therefore, to encourage their children in their studies so that they can have as good a life as possible in the Soviet Union.

Lovely Hands Don't Just Happen

By VICTOR MAMAK

It can be safely asserted that nearly every woman is fastidious about her face and gives it all the daily care that will make it look young, fresh and attractive. But, somehow, she remains in a beauty lethargy as far as her hands are concerned.

She does not seem to realize that lovely hands do not just happen; they are the result of daily care. A little time set aside each day will do more than hours spent in beauty salons fortnightly—even weekly.

It is a fact that an average woman rushes to the beauty parlor the last minute before an important engagement, her hands bristling with hangnails, chaps, small cuts, stains and callouses, and expects to emerge within thirty minutes with jewelled nails and flawless skin like those that inspired "Omur Khanyam" to describe hands as "white doves", "lilies", "lotus blossoms" and "moonbeams", ad infinitum.

A woman's hands must not only be beautiful, they must also be capable, graceful, well-groomed, artistic and eloquent, and to acquire these qualities they naturally demand the most fastidious care.

How Are Your Hands

Make this test today. Sit before your dressing-table mirror. Pick up some object and present it to your reflection, then replace it. Offer yourself a cigarette, take it out of the cigarette case and light it. Smoke a while, flick the ash in the ash-tray and place the cigarette on the tray just as you would normally do.

Put on your gloves, take them off. Do anything that requires the display of the hands.

Do you like the way your hands perform, or are you conscious of an awkward presentation? If you are not pleased, why not begin improving these gestures immediately?

Here are some beauty hints from Hollywood which have been successfully followed by film stars and other women to attain magnetic hand grace. Try these re-

gularly and watch the result. You will not be disappointed.

1. Shake your hands vigorously until they seem to almost shake off the wrists. Shake them with arms outstretched. Shake them until the fingers tingle with new life.

2. Turn the hands around and around on the wrists in the sinuous manner of a snake dancer. Continue this motion until you feel as though you have no wrists at all.

3. Hold the hands flat with the fingers close together. Now flex the wrists, moving the arms from one side of the body to the other in the manner of an Egyptian dancer.

4. Place the palms and the fingers together in front of you as if you were praying. Press the tips of the fingers firmly together and separate the palms until the fingers bend backward. Place the palms together and repeat until the fingers tingle.

5. With great stress, pick up an imaginary ball, close the fists tightly around it and then throw it into the air, allowing the hand to open so sharply that it seems to be thrown with the ball. Repeat with each hand separately at least a few times.

6. Massage the fingers and hands with cream or lotion and manipulate each finger between the thumb and index finger of the opposite hand, as though you were donning a new kid glove.

7. Rest the elbows on a table and imagine that the hands are flowers on stems. Extend the hands out, up and around in every possible graceful position until the most natural, beautiful positions for your hands are found.

If you follow the above tried and tested suggestions, you will know that you have graceful wrists and beautiful fingers, and your hands may become as adroit as your voice.

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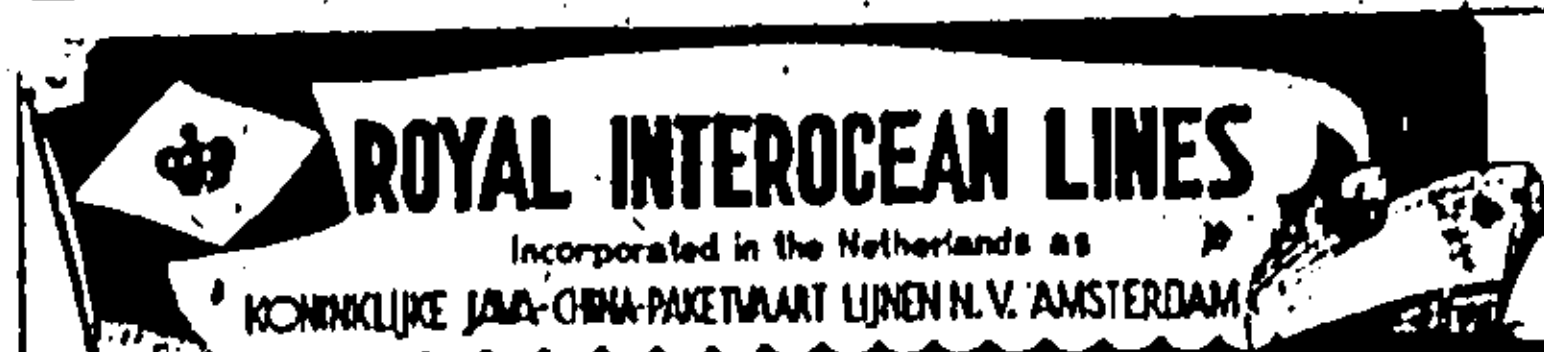
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London Stock Exchange

London, Feb. 27.
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The pillaged section encountered a steady demand which resulted in widespread improvements of 1/4, whilst the new Australian 3 1/2 was featured with a rise of 1/4 to 2 1/2 premium. Amongst industrialists, which recovered after a dull start, brewers were firm, with Taylor Walker 3d higher at 41 1/2, colliery shares also met with small buying, whilst tobacco issues remained steady in a quiet market. Conditions among foreign rails were quieter than of late, but again London railway stocks met with persistent demand which caused earlier losses caused through profit-taking.

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Gold shares recovered on the Washington report that the Marshall plan might be made conditional on devaluing "certain European currencies," says the City Editor of the "Daily Telegraph."

That an important body of American opinion favours the early devaluation of many European currencies, including sterling, is common knowledge. That the United States would have insisted on devaluation as a condition of Marshall aid seems unlikely. The least probable of all would be the insistence on devaluing.

The "Liverpool Post" City Editor says that talk of devaluation revived today. The United States Treasury Secretary, Mr. Snyder, was stated yesterday to have said that some of the countries receiving Marshall aid would be required to revalue their currencies.

In New York, there has been a marked tendency to link Mr. Snyder's remarks with a move to devalue sterling.

No Relief

It is known that many members of the U.S. administration and Congress had taken the view that sterling is overvalued and Mr. Snyder's statement certainly will not cause them to change their minds. Yet it cannot be said that in existing circumstances, the devaluation of sterling would notably relieve our difficulties.

As long as import prices remain high, devaluation would make them dearer. On the other hand, reducing export prices might not stimulate a sufficient increase in volume to resume to recompense for the extra cost of imports. That is the great risk in devaluing sterling.

The Financial Times adds that it was realised on the Stock Exchange that Mr. Snyder's remarks did not necessarily relate to sterling, and that he was merely repeating what he said on January 21.

ANGELO-DUTCH AGREEMENT

London, Feb. 27.

An Anglo-Dutch trade agreement for the exchange of about 270 million worth of goods was signed here today. Holland will send a quantity of foodstuffs to Britain in return for which she will get British industrial products.—Reuter.

N.Y. Stock Market

New York, Feb. 27.

Stocks lagged down during most of Friday's market but climbed at the last, when a little timid buying support arrived. Initial losses of a point or more were reduced or converted into modest gains. However, however, remained in the majority.

Transfers were 770,000 shares. Belief that some leaders may have been overvalued inspired a certain amount of professional short covering and other demand in the final hour. Among gainers were Atlantic Gulf and West Indies, Brooklyn Union Gas, Western Union and Union Pacific. Losers included Allied Mills, Pressed Steel Car, and Copper.

Dow Jones Average—Stocks 69.34, 20 Industrials 136.30, 15 Rails 48.23, 20 Utilities 81.44.

Change in quotations:—

Adams Express 1 1/4, Alaska Juneau 1/2, American Can 1/2, American Smelting 1/2, American Telephone 1/2, American Tobacco 1/2, American Waterworks 1/2, Aviation Corp. 1/2, Baldwin Locomotive 1/2, Barnard 1/2, Bendis Aviation 1/2, Bethlehem Steel 1/2, Boeing Aircraft 1/2, Borden Co. 1/2, Canadian Pacific 1/2, Case 1/2, Chrysler 1/2, Colgate 1/2, Commercial Solvent 1/2, Corn Products 1/2, Dupont 1/2, Eastman Kodak 1/2, Electric Light & Power 1/2, General Electric 1/2, General Motors 1/2, Goodrich 1/2, Goodyear 1/2, Homestead Mining 1/2, International Harvester 1/2, International Paper 1/2, International Tel. & Tel. 1/2, Johnson & Johnson 1/2, Montgomery Ward 1/2, National Distillers 1/2, National Lead 1/2, New York Central 1/2, Packard Motors 1/2, Pan American 1/2, Pennsylvania 1/2, Republic Steel 1/2, Reynolds Tobacco 1/2, Schenley 1/2, Sears Roebuck 1/2, Shell Oil 1/2, Socony Vacuum 1/2, Southern Pacific 1/2, Standard Oil 1/2, Standard Oil of N. J. 1/2, Studebaker 1/2, Union Bag 1/2, US Rubber 1/2, US Steel 1/2, US Lines 1/2, Westinghouse 1/2, Gen. Fun. Utilities 1/2.—Associated Press.

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London, Feb. 27.

Gold shares recovered on the Washington report that the Marshall plan might be made conditional on devaluing "certain European currencies," says the City Editor of the "Daily Telegraph."

Taking Tin Out Of Cans

WASHINGTON, FEB. 27.

THE U.S. GOVERNMENT WILL LIMIT THE USE OF TIN IN CAN-MAKING AFTER THIS WEEK TO LEAVE MORE OF THE METAL FOR THE GOVERNMENT'S STRATEGIC STOCKPILE.

The Commerce Department announced it will put into effect on February 28 an order forbidding any manufacturer to use more tin in can-making during this year than he used last year.

Use of tin for coffee cans will be forbidden altogether. The Department observed that substitute packaging materials—including glass and other metals—are available.

Beer-makers, who used 200,000 tons of the tin-coated steel called unplate last year, can use the same amount this year.

Congress recently gave the Department authority to control use of tin until June. If the authority is extended after that, the Department hopes its conservation order will save 2,750 tons of tin this year. About half of the 65,000 tons of tin consumed annually in the US now goes into can-making, the Department said.

"Tin cans" actually are more than 90 per cent sheet steel with a small coating of tin.

Besides coffee cans, special restrictions were laid on the use of unplate for animal food, motor oil and pigmented oil paint cans.

The Department claimed it already has saved 200 tons of tin by reducing export quotas for unplate in the April-May-June period.—Associated Press.

Notice To Consignees

S.S. "MEMNON"

Damaged cargo ex the above vessel will be surveyed at Holt's Wharf between the hours of 10 a.m. to 12 noon on 1st & 2nd March, 1948, and consignees' representatives are requested to be present during the survey.

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Hongkong, 27th Feb. 1948.

Notice To Consignees

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From North West American Ports, San Francisco, Manila, arrived 26th February, 1948.

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ARMY FOOTBALL LEAGUE
Land Forces Still At Head Of TableNew Arrivals In
Gunners' Team

Only two matches were played in the Army Football League this week, both of them on Thursday. At Gun Club Hill, the Royal Artillery, who once again had the advantage of playing on their own ground, defeated the Royal Signals 6-1, while at Stanley the Sappers did well to hold the Buffs to a draw, both sides scoring two goals each.

Fielding a much improved team RA defeated the Signals six goals to one. The 25 Field Regt. team has been strengthened by several players who recently arrived in the Colony. They have a very good chance of winning the Army League championship.

Hong Kong Signals opened the scoring. Wright, the Signaller outside right, received the ball, raced up the wing, cut in towards the goal, and bent Wylie, the Gunners goalkeeper, with a very good shot. It was but a momentary lead, however, for the RA forwards came into the attack strongly, and

it came as no surprise when Bates scored the equaliser for the RA.

Clean Game

The second half was a repetition of the first the Gunners doing most of the attacking. Their defence was sound and they kept a tight grip of the Signaller forwards.

The final whistle came with the score still 6-1 in favour of the Artillery, but the Signaller were by no means disgraced. They played good, clean football and never gave up trying.

The one Army team that has suffered the most through postings and release is, without doubt, the Buffs. On Thursday, fielding a very weak team, the Buffs only managed to draw with the Sappers, after being down one goal at half time.

Killed In
First Fight

Hollywood, Feb. 28.
Leroy de Catur, 20-year-old lightweight boxer, was killed today in his first professional fight.

De Catur was fighting a four-round preliminary at the Legion Stadium with Frederico Herrera, 20, of Yuma, Arizona. Herrera was leading slightly when the fight went into the fourth round. No hard blows had been struck.

Herrera suddenly pounded a left hook to de Catur's body and then a right to the jaw. De Catur paused two seconds and then crumpled to the canvas. His head hit hard. Ringsiders said he didn't move a muscle after that.

Dr. William Carver took him to the dressing room and applied artificial respiration for 15 minutes before pronouncing him dead.

De Catur, a Negro, had 40 amateur fights. Herrera, also fighting his first professional bout, had 23 amateur bouts. — United Press.

High Lobs

The first two goals were both scored by Crosshwaite, playing at centre-forward for the Sappers. This setback to the Buffs brought more life into the game but it was not until the first half that the Buffs managed to obtain a goal.

In the second half the Buffs half-backs made more use of the ball and high lobs across goal-mouth kept Hegley, the Sappers goalkeeper, very busy. It was with one of these shots that the Buffs managed to equalise. Lillis, who was playing centre-half, put a high lobe into the goal-mouth. The ball struck the cross-bar and from the rebound Bendall rushed in to crash the ball past Hegley.

League Table

	P.	W.	L.	D.	P.	A.	Pts.
1st Buffs	7	6	1	0	24	14	12
2nd Field Regt.	6	5	1	0	31	5	10
3rd Inniskill	7	5	2	0	23	6	10
4th The Buffs	6	5	2	1	15	17	7
5th USM	6	2	4	0	7	15	4
6th Sappers	6	1	4	1	8	20	3
7th Signals	6	1	5	0	11	24	2
8th HM	6	1	4	0	6	28	2

TO-DAY'S HOCKEY

Khalsa will meet the Shamshulpo Army Combined in a hockey match today at 11 a.m. on the Shamshulpo ground.

Khalsa will be represented by Souza, J. Singh and Guest; Baba Dillon, Harid, and M. Singh; Dilwara, Dillon, Meekey, Ibrahim, and P. Singh. Referee: B. Singh.

Fixtures for Wednesday:—

BMH v Sappers... Happy Valley, 4 p.m. Ref: Lt. Usherwood.

Buffs v 25 Fd. Regt. Stanley, 4 p.m. Ref: Sgt. Manson.

Signals v REME... Lyemun, 3.30 p.m. Ref: QMSI Tamlyn.

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H.K. FUSILIER
WINS TITLE

Singapore, Feb. 28.
Fusilier T. Bond won the British Far East Land Forces lightweight boxing championship for Hong Kong last night, defeating Sergeant S. V. Raymond, of Ceylon, on points.

The other Hong Kong finalist, Lance Corporal Double, suffered a technical knockout in the second round at the hands of Private T. Carroll, Singapore lightweight.

Mentally
Unsound

Remanded from last Saturday for medical examination, Chung Yin-hong, alias Chung Mo (27), cobbler of 360 Tai Nam Street, first floor, had a charge of indecent assault withdrawn against him by Sub-Inspector J.S. Howarth at Kowloon yesterday.

In applying for permission to withdraw the charge, SI Howarth told Mr. W. A. Blair-Kerr that defendant was "mentally unsound" and would be sent to the Mental Home for observation and attention.

At the previous hearing, it was stated that accused indecently assaulted Li Fung, 53-year-old married woman, on the pavement outside 172 Fuk Wing Street on Feb. 19.

It was further stated that defendant's mind was unbalanced and that he had been an inmate of the Mental Home.

Picked Up By
Radio Car

With three previous convictions for larceny from the person, Li King (27), newspaper hawk, was sentenced to three months' hard labour and recommended for banishment by Mr. W. A. Blair-Kerr at Kowloon yesterday.

Sub-Inspector J.S. Howarth said defendant was picked up by Sub-Inspector Kintoch and Detective 891, on Radio Patrol car duty, at Shanghai Street, near Reclamation Street at 2 a.m. on Feb. 27.

Defendant told the Police that he was on his way to the Kee Ki Mah-jongg School at Canton Road to play mah-jongg. Inquiries revealed that defendant left the place at 11 p.m. on Feb. 26.

Searched, defendant was found to have only 45 cents in his pocket.

Opium Case

A raid conducted by Div. Supt. G. Leys and Sub-Inspector Baldwin (Officer-in-Charge Talmat-sul Police Station) at 1.25 p.m. on Feb. 27 at 57 Haiphong Road, first floor, resulted in the arrest of 20 persons and the seizure of eight opium pipes, 15 lamps, and 23 small pots of prepared opium.

Charged before Mr. W. H. Latimer yesterday with keeping an opium den and possession of 23 mace of prepared opium, Li Shing (22) was fined a total of \$200.

Five smokers forfeited their bail of \$25 each, and the remaining 14 were fined \$20 (or a week's imprisonment) each. Inspector J. Orem prosecuted.

OPIUM DIVAN

Twelve months' hard labour and a banishment recommendation were imposed upon Fung Wan, when he was convicted of keeping an opium divan at Central Magistracy yesterday.

Some pills seized during the raid on the premises, 204 Johnston Road, second floor, were found to contain no heroin.

"But where there are pills, there must be the pills," Mr. d'Almeida remarked.

RIGHT IN THE
LION'S DEN

A 26-year-old coolie, Su Chan-chuen, offended the Law right in the "lion's den."

A constable on duty at Central Magistracy caught him splitting on the floor. In full view on the wall was a sign reading "No Spitting Here."

Theft Of
Bricks At
Hung Hom

Charged with larceny of 1,700 bricks from the site of the old Hung Hom Police Station, Yip Yuen (35), transportation firm feld, was sentenced to six months' hard labour by Mr. W. A. Blair-Kerr at Kowloon yesterday.

Wong Yan, 33, licensed lorry driver, was sentenced to three months' hard labour for aiding and abetting Yip. First defendant announced that he would instruct a solicitor to appeal against the conviction.

Sub-Inspector J. S. Howarth said that at 8.30 a.m. on Feb. 27, L/C 1209 and PC 1100 were on patrol duty at Wuhu Street near the old Hung Hom Police Station when they saw lorry 6282, loaded with 1,700 bricks, about to start.

They asked to be shown the necessary permit to remove the bricks. First defendant produced Dumping Permit 186K.

At the Police Station, first defendant said that he was conveying the bricks to Taiipo Road for the purpose of blocking up a tunnel for a certain Wan Shing.

Wan Shing, he said, instructed him to take the lorry to the Hung Hom site to pick up the bricks.

Mr. Murphy, of the P.W.D. (said SI Howarth) claimed the bricks as P.W.D. property. No permit had been issued for their removal.

In Court, Yip said that he was employed by Wan (who could not be found) and that he was only obeying instructions. Wong stated that he was only a lorry driver and that his vehicle was hired by the first defendant.

APPOINTMENTS

The following appointments appear in the latest Government Gazette:—

D.G. Calkins to act as Assistant Director of Marine (Port Control) with effect from Feb. 23, 1948, and to be a Marine Magistrate from the same date.

P.H. Jennings to be Director of Audit, w.e.f. Jan. 16, 1948.

M.G. O'Connor, MA, to act as Director of Education during the absence of T.R. Rowell, w.e.f. Feb. 23, 1948.

G.F. Rees, BSc, to act as Senior Inspector of Schools, w.e.f. Feb. 23, 1948.

H.A. de Barros Botelho to act as Crown Solicitor during the absence of L.R. Andrews, w.e.f. Feb. 24, 1948. He ceased to act as Supreme Court Registrar and Registrar of Companies as from that date.

C.P. d'Almeida Castro to act as Supreme Court Registrar, Registrar of Companies, Official Administrator and Official Trustee, w.e.f. Feb. 24, 1948. He ceased to act as Land Officer and Registrar of Marriages on that date, these offices being taken over by E.H. Sainsbury.

Miss D.H. Simpson, appointed Mistress Education Dept., w.e.f. Jan. 24, 1948.

A.J.C. Taylor to act as Accountant-General and Collector of Stamp Revenue during the absence of H.R. Hirst, w.e.f. Feb. 23, 1948.

T.S.D. Whitley to act as Urban Council Secretary in the absence of R.W.H. Maynard, w.e.f. Feb. 23, 1948.

J.H.B. Lee to act as Postmaster-General w.e.f. Feb. 23, 1948.

R.J. Minnitt to act as Principal Assistant Colonial Secretary and Clerk of Councils during the absence of K.M.A. Barnett, w.e.f. March 1, 1948.

T.M. Barton to act as Principal Auditor during the absence of W.J.D. Cooper, w.e.f. Feb. 23, 1948.

Temple Street
Brothel

When Inspector T. Collins and Det. 283 raided 124 Temple Street, second floor, at 9.10 p.m. on Feb. 27, they found Law Yee-mat (36), widow, and two Chinese prostitutes with two clients on the premises.

The girls told the Police that they received \$2 each from their client and paid 50 cents each to Law as commission.

Law, said Inspector J. Orem when she appeared before Mr. W. H. Latimer at Kowloon yesterday, charged with keeping a brothel, rented the verandah and front cubicle about three weeks ago at a monthly rental of \$15.

Defendant was fined \$250 or three months' imprisonment.

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"TRESILLIAN"	Japan via Straits	17th Apr.
"TREVELYAN"	Shanghai via Straits	29th Apr.
"TREVAN"	U.K. and Continent via Straits	15th May
"TREVISE"	U.K. and Continent via Straits	15th June

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"DILWARA"	Kure	7th Mar.
"TREVAYLOR"	U.K. Continent via Straits & Genoa	11th Mar.
"TRESILLIAN"	Shanghai & Japan	12th Mar.
"TREVELYAN"	U.K. and Continent via Straits	19th Apr.
"TREVELYAN"	Shanghai via Straits	17th Apr.
"TREVAN"	U.K. and Continent via Straits	2nd May
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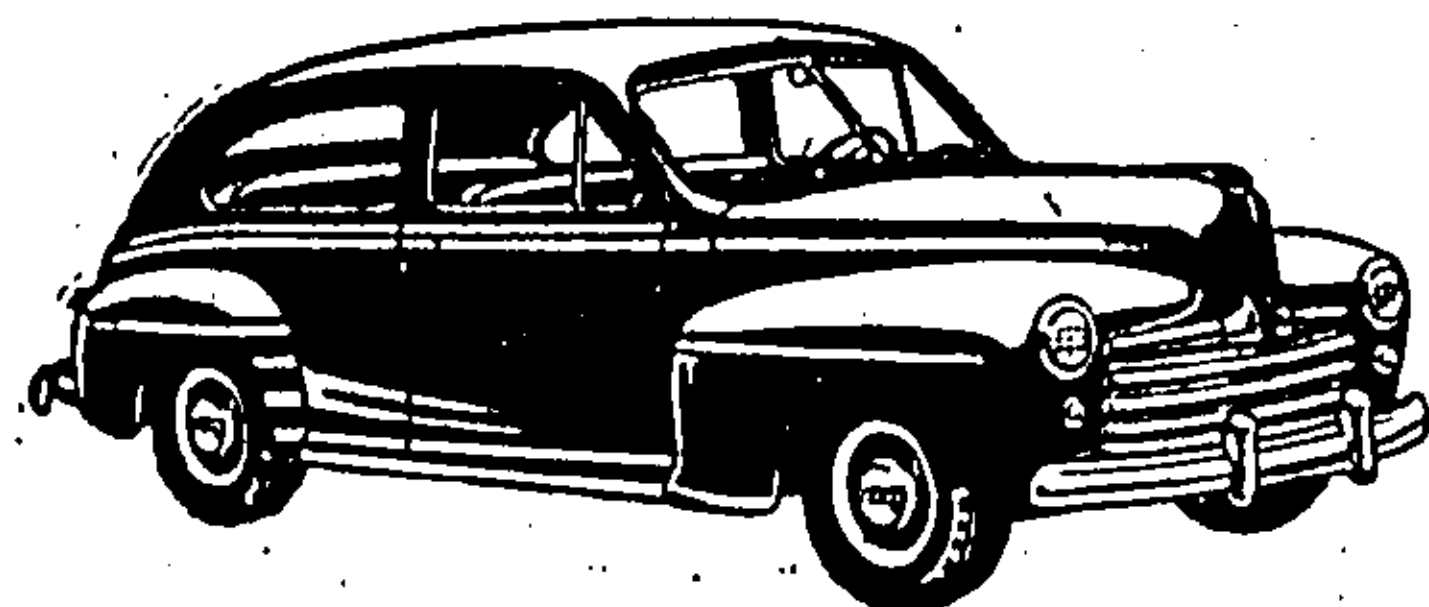
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Fewer cricket games were played yesterday due to the Races, and at Hong Kong Cricket Club the home team beat Royal Air Force by 28 runs after declaring at 123 for 6 wickets. At Sookunpoo, University did well against Indian Recreation Club to win by seven wickets. At the Valley, Kowloon Cricket Club drew with Craigengower after scoring 150 which included a 46 not out by White and 43 contributed by extras. Craigengower scored 129 for seven wickets. Billimoria took five K.C.C. wickets for 48 runs.

H.K.C.C.—R.A.F.

Hong Kong Cricket Club beat Royal Air Force 28 runs at Chater Road.

H.K.C.C.			
L. D. Kilbee, b. Gambrell	12		
M. M. Little, not out	55		
R. W. Franklin, b.w., b. Ratledge	5		
G. T. Rowe, b.w., b. Hodgson	0		
A. P. Raynor, c. Whiteside, b. Ratledge	20		
R. H. Hughes, b.w., b. Gambrell	0		
H. N. Bardell, c. Whiteside, b. Gambrell	0		
L. F. Stokes, not out	16		
Extras	9		
Total (for six wickets)	123		

H. Owen Hughes, T. A. Pearce and M. G. Harriman did not bat.

BOWLING				
	O.	M.	R.	W.
Gambrell	9	0	27	3
Ratledge	12	2	29	2
Hodgson	5	0	22	1
Bacon	2	0	24	0
Holmes	2	0	12	2

AIR FORCE

Hewitson, c. Stokes, b. Pearce	12		
Bacon, c. Stokes, b. Raynor	23		
Baxter, b. Raynor	3		
Gall, c. Raynor, b. Pearce	0		
Gambrell, c. Pearce, b. Raynor	30		
Parker, b. Raynor	19		
Hodgson, b. Raynor	19		
Whiteside, not out	0		
Holmes, not out	1		
Extras	3		
Total	95		

BOWLING

BOWLING				
	O.	M.	R.	W.
Owen-Hughes .	7	3	22	0
Harriman	3	0	16	0
Raynor	14	5	25	7
Pearce	9	2	29	2

I.R.C.—University

At Sookunpoo, University beat Indian Recreation Club by seven wickets.

I.R.C.			
A. R. Abbas, b.w., b. Koh	27		
A. R. Sufald, b. Vanar	14		
F. A. Curram, c. Leann, b. Koh	0		
M. I. Razack, c. Ho, b. Chelliah	30		
M. A. Vahab played on, b. Koh	0		
M. B. Hassan, b. Chelliah	10		
A. R. Razack, c. Ho, b. Chelliah	1		
T. Ebrahim, b. Leann	1		
A. Ebrahim, b.w., b. Chelliah	0		
H. T. Barma, b. Chelliah	3		
R. A. Bux, not out	5		
Extras	6		
Total	98		

BOWLING

	O.	M.	R.	W.
T. H. Lean ...	12	3	32	1
Vanar	8	0	36	1
Koh	7	2	37	3
Chelliah	3.2	1	7	5

UNIVERSITY

L. T. Rido, c. T. Ebrahim, b. A. Ebrahim	35		
T. Lo, b.w., b. Abbas	0		
D. Hanson, b. Abbas	30		
D. Chelliah played on, b. T. Ebrahim	41		
T. C. Lean, run out	16		
Vanar, c. Razack, b. Abbas	2		
Amann, c. Razack	5		
Koh, c. Bux, b. Razack	8		
H. Ho, not out	11		
H. Lean, b.w., b. T. Ebrahim	1		
H. E. Chan, c. Bux, b. Razack	0		
Extras	8		
Total	157		

BOWLING

BOWLING				
	O.	M.	R.	W.
Abbas	10	1	37	3
T. Ebrahim	8	1	22	2
A. Ebrahim	3	0	18	1
A. R. Razack	3	0	20	0
Hassan	2	0	14	0
Barma	2	0	18	0
M. I. Razack	3.1	1	20	3

C.C.C.—K.C.C.

At Happy Valley, Craigengower Cricket Club drew with Kowloon Cricket Club.

K.C.C.			
N. Hart Baker, b. Billimoria	0		
E. O. Fincher, b. Billimoria	13		
R. Do, b. Billimoria	20		
A. Zilman, b. Billimoria	0		
S. F. White, not out	46		
F. Barrow, c. Lyman, b. France	0		
G. E. Taylor, b. France	0		
E. M. L. Soares, at Ismail, b. Billimoria	0		
C. I. Stapleton, run out	0		
R. E. Lee, not out	8		
Extras	48		
Total (for 8 wickets)	150		

BOWLING

R. Leigh did not bat.				
BOWLING				
	O	M.	R.	W.
Billimoria	19	4	46	5
Reinhardt	7	1	25	0
G. Hong Choy	5	0	14	0
France	11	2	25	2

C.C.C.

K. Y. Tam, c. Fincher, b. Barrow	3		
A. H. Ismail, b. Taylor	17		
E. A. Lee, c. Lo, b. Barrow	6		
R. Tay, c. Taylor, b. Hart Baker	6		
S. Ramchand, b. Taylor	26		
G. H. Ho, c. Lo, b. Lee	10		
R. France, retired hurt	2		
R. Baker, not out	26		
P. J. Billimoria, not out	17		
Extras	19		
Total (for 7 wickets)	129		

T. Crabtree and B. S. Chowdh did not bat.

BOWLING

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Taylor	10	2	36	
Barrow	8	1	20	
Lo	1	0	6	
Hart Baker	4	1	19	
R. Lee	7	1	39	

Recreio—K.C.C.

A friendly between the Club de Recreio "A" and K.C.C. 2nd XI ended in a draw at the K.C.C. ground.

RECREIO "A"			
J. M. Gosano, b. Smith	20		
L. F. Houghton, b. White	12		
A. M. Prata, retired	63		
J. Remedios, b.w., Smith	7		
A. P. Rice-Ferreira, b. White	10		
J. L. S. Alves, b. White	10		
J. Boza-Ferreira, b. Gray	13		
B. Remedios, c. Hancock, b. Gray	1		
E. Noronha, not out	7		
L. Gutierrez, b. Smith	7		
E. A. R. Alves, not out	1		
Extras	21		
Total	164		

BOWLING

O. M. R. W.				
Bond	11	1	45	0
Gray	5	0	23	2
Smith	9	1	36	3
White	7	0	39	3

K.C.C. 2ND XI

V. A. White, b.w., Prata	3		
E. Randall, b. Prata	35		
E. C. Truman, c. Remedios, b. Alves	13		
P. Smith, c. Roza-Ferreira, b. Alves	20		
A. E. J. Hancock, c. Remedios, b. Alves	0		
S. A. Gray, b. E. A. Alves	2		
G. Roza-Ferreira, not out	4		
V. C. Bond, b. J. L. Alves	29		
Dillot, not out	3		
Extras	13		
Total (for 7 wickets)	122		

BOWLING

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Prata	16	5	34	2
J. L. Alves ..	5	0	18	1
E. A. Alves ..	12	1	57	4

Champ At
Earl's Court

London, Feb. 28.

Heavyweight champion Joe Louis made his first exhibition appearance of his English tour today when he sparred one round each with two opponents at Earl's Court Stadium. He first boxed Eddie Phillips, former British light heavyweight champion, and caught Phillips with one good punch, a short left hook to the jaw. Louis also went one round with Van Nickerk, 210-lb. inexperienced boxer from South Africa, who boldly shot several blows to Louis's face but the champion refused to take advantage.—United Press.

Scots Win
Rugger

Scotland retained the local International Rugby Championship when they beat Ireland by 7 points to 6 in the final on the Club ground yesterday. The Scots were presented to the Captain of the Scottish team by Mrs. Brakie, wife of the G.O.C. The band of the Tankilling Fusiliers was in attendance. The game was very fast and keenly fought, Ireland took the lead with an uncoded try but Scotland equalized and went ahead with a dropped goal. Ireland had most of the game in the second half and towards the end with the score 7-6, some exciting play was witnessed.

SING TAO LEADING IN
BADMINTON LEAGUES

(By "Argonaut")

Displaying marked superiority, Sing Tao easily outplayed Recreio by 8 games to 1 in their return encounter in the Badminton Mixed Doubles League. The greatest surprise was the defeat of Mythie de Silva and M. A. Oliveira, one of the best Mixed Doubles combinations in the Colony, by Patrick Wong and Mrs. T. F. Lo.

In fairness to the Recreio pair, P.K. Hui and Ullian Khoo, although still not up to their pre-war championship form, did fairly well to get all their games. One noticeable feature of the match and in fact of all the League matches this season both in the Mixed and Men's Doubles Divisions, has been the very poor service shown by a vast majority of the players. For one reason, not enough attention is being paid to it by players, no enough time taken in making it. It is often most heart-rending to watch a player just pick up the shuttle and toss it anywhere over the net without any idea at all where it is going only to pick it up again a few seconds later or his or her side of the court.

Points are obtained with the service as the initial stroke, and a player can never hope to make any points at all if he or she does not pay enough attention to it and more important still plan all his or her subsequent strokes ahead with the service.

The admission of non-British golfers as members of the Royal Hong Kong Golf Club is now under consideration by the new Committee of the Club, the "Sunday Herald" learned last night. When the Club held its annual general meeting at the Hong Kong Hotel last Thursday, the outgoing Committee recommended that admission be considered of non-British golf players whose own clubs have not yet been rehabilitated.

After a short deliberation, it was decided to hold the subject in abeyance for the new Committee to consider. Between 15 and 20 members of the Club spoke for and against the recommendation. At present there are only two golf clubs in operation in Hong Kong. They are the Royal Hong Kong Golf Club with courses at Plover, Happy Valley and Deep Water Bay; and the Shek-O Golf Club with a course at Shek-O.

Before the Pacific War, there were in addition to the two above-mentioned golf clubs, the Country Golf Club in the New Territories, the Japanese Golf Club at Shatin, and the Kowloon Golf Club in Kowloon City.

Osterley
Park Ice
Tragedy

London, Feb. 28. Two boys who fell through the ice on the lake at Osterley Park, Middlesex, died in hospital in Ealing last night, after iron lungs had been used in an effort to save them.

They were Leonard Edwards, 11, of Stuart Road, Acton, and Jimmy Sundworth, 12, of Burlington Gardens, Acton. They were playing with five other boys when with a series of cracks the ice gave way.

Grabbing a rope with which they had been playing earlier, 10-year-old David Western of Allison Road, Acton plunged into the floating ice and swam and dove repeatedly, trying to find his friends.

His hands were blue and bleeding when he was forced to turn back, beaten by the cold. Other boys shouted for help as the heads of the drowning boys disappeared in the centre of the lake.

Hearing shouts, Leonard Grace, estate manager, ran with his gardener to the lake. With police officers they launched a flat bottomed boat into the ice-free part of the pool but by the time the boat reached them, Edwards and Sundworth had again slipped under the water.—Reuter.

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League position:

MIXED DOUBLES

	Games			
	P.	W.	L.	T.
Sing Tao	5	0	0	45
University "A"	5	2	2	20
Recreio	4	3	2	27
K.C.C.	4	1	3	7
V.C.C.	3	0	3	5

MEN'S DOUBLES

Sing Tao	10	0	34	8
Recreio "A"	10	2	0	17
University "D"	7	0	53	17
E.C.C. "A"	7	2	50	11
Recreio "B"	7	1	40	17
University "A"	4	2	40	9
China Web	4	4	29	23
C.Y.M.C.A.	4	4	29	23
Kowloon Club	4	1	21	29
St. John's	3	2	21	17
St. Thomas	3	2	21	17
O.C. Teachers	3	2	21	17
V.C.C.	3	2	21	17
St. Paul's	3	2	21	17
St. Andrew's	3	2	21	17
St. Ignace	3	2	21	17
St. Joseph	3	2	21	17
St. Michael's	3	2	21	17
St. Patrick	3	2	21	17
St. Vincent	3	2	21	17
St. Xavier	3	2	21	17
St. John's	3	2	21	17
St. Thomas	3	2	21	17
St. Ignace	3	2	21	17
St. Joseph	3	2	21	17
St. Michael's	3	2	21	17
St. Patrick	3	2	21	17
St. Vincent	3	2	21	17
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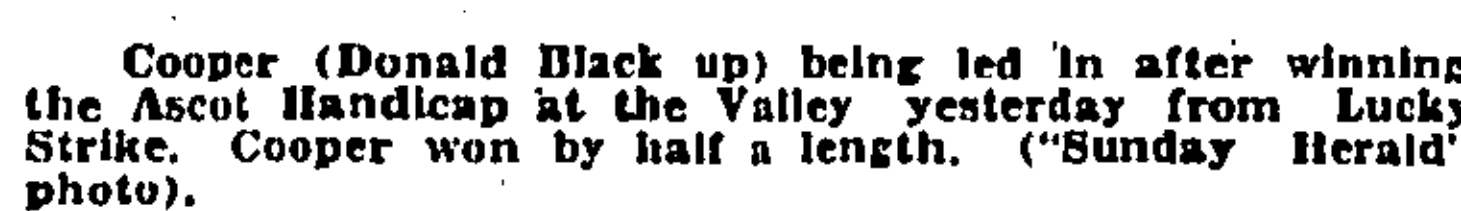
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